RETAIN OLD FIREMEN.

MANCHESTER BOARD AGREES TO CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION.

OTHER NEWS ACROSS THE RIVER.

Mr. George Blankenship Fined for an Assault—Charge Against Mr. Goforth of Misappropriating Funds Dismissed—Other Southside Items.

The Manchester Fire Commissioners held their annual meeting in the Council chamber last evening. The following members were present: Messrs. O'Brien, Owens, Poole, Patron, and Green. Chief of the Fire Department Owens, was also present, and he submitted his annual report, recommending the re-election of the following firemen for the ensuing year: Messrs. R. E. Owen, E. Gallagher, R. H. Crooks, W. E. Smith, A. L. Simpson, T. S. Wesler, J. E. Baugh, T. S. Nicholas, J. W. Avery, P. E. Gibbs, W. B. Crooks, W. H. Logan, G. W. Gooding, A. W. Farley, W. H. Kidd, E. S. Priddy, and F. F. Crooks.

Some dispute arose here as to dropping three men from the force, but finally the seventeen firemen recommended by the Chief were elected. The question of electing the other three then arose, but the need of economy was pressed, and as the Chief thought seventeen men would be sufficient for the present, it was decided that no action should be taken.

MINOR BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

On motion of Mr. Poole, the board agreed to place upon sale the old fire engine and get rid of it at the earliest opportunity. The question of meeting more regularly in the future was then brought up, and it was decided to meet regularly in the future on the first Monday in each month.

The efficiency of the present Fire Department received much consideration, and after a great deal of informal discussion the commissioners concluded that for the present Manchester was well equipped for extinguishing any fire that might occur. It was stated that the general conditions of the water supply and the character of the houses in Manchester rendered five engines for the present unnecessary. It was also decided that the amount of hose at hand was sufficient.

BLANKENSHIP FINED.

Mr. George E. Blankenship was a prisoner in Squire Jones's court, in Swansboro', yesterday morning. He was charged with entering the store of Mr. Thomas Cerseley on last Saturday afternoon and assaulting Mr. Frank Crostic, the bartender. The Dispatch readers are familiar with the particulars of the affair, Mr. Blankenship having gone around the bar to assault Mr. Crostic, apparently without cause, was met by the bartender, who struck Mr. Blankenship on the head with a beer bottle in his own defence.

Yesterday when the case was called, Captain A. C. Attkisson appeared in behalf of Mr. Cerseley, and conducted the prosecution. When all the evidence had been gathered Captain Attkisson asked that such a fine be imposed upon Blankenship as would teach him a lesson, and at the same time warn others. The 'Squire fined the prisoner $10 and costs, amounting to $13.35. In default of the payment of the fine Blankenship was sent to jail.

BEFORE 'SQUIRE OWEN.

The continued case of W. M. Goforth, charged with misappropriating the sum of $40, the property of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, was called in the Manchester Police Court yesterday morning. After reading a letter which Mr. Goforth had sent to Mr. C. B. Braton, city manager of the company, in which he said he wished to discontinue work, and that his receipts and stubs did not tally, and further named the day and hour when he would make settlement, Squire Owen dismissed the case on the ground that Mr. Goforth had been arrested before he had a chance to make the settlement, as he had promised to do so in the letter. Mr. Goforth's brother, however, paid the $40.

The cases of Sam Jackson and Charles Locket, charged with stealing iron from the Southern Railway Company, were both dismissed.

The funeral of Miss Rosa Snead, who died at Chester, Va., Sunday morning at 4 o'clock, in the 37th year of her age, took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The deceased was an only child of Mrs. Roberta Snead, and an accomplished lady. Her interment was made in the family burying-ground.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Miss Katie Cox has returned from a delightful visit to relatives and friends near Charlottesville.

A lawn party will be given near Dun's store, in Chesterfield, to-night.

Rev. W. E. Hurt preached two excellent sermons at Fifth-Street Methodist church Sunday. His morning subject was "Where to Throw Your Salt." At night he preached on "Does the Bible Teach Eternal Punishment?"

Miss Mattie Wood left Saturday to visit relatives at Jetersville, Va.

A trolley party will be given by the Young Men's Pleasure Club, of Swansboro', Thursday night.

Mr. Clifford Goode is quite ill with typhoid-fever at his residence, 115 west Ninth street.

Mr. Chris. Jones, who had three of his fingers mashed at the Tredegar Iron-Works about ten days ago, had the bone taken out of one of his fingers yesterday morning by Dr. W. P. Matthews.

The Southern railway shops will only be open between the hours of 7 to 12 o'clock hereafter.

WAS HE A BANK BURGLAR?

Man Supposed to Be Intent Upon Going Into the First National.

There was a roof-garden performance early yesterday morning on the top of the one-story office building occupied by Pleasants & Crenshaw, J. D. Carneal, Samuel H. Pulliam & Co., and Seymour Brothers. The two star performers were Mr. John Harrison, who is a clerk at the First National Bank, and who occupies a back room on the second floor of that structure, and an unknown artist, while three policemen augmented the olio just before the performance came to a close. Mr. Harrison, shortly after 12 o'clock, heard a noise on the tin roof of the buildings on the eastern side of the bank, and he got out of bed and went to his window. He then heard distinctly footsteps on the roof of the building adjoining the bank.

PEERED INTO THE BANK.

From his position, however, he was not able to see these buildings, so, armed with an old-fashioned horse pistol, he got out on the roof of a portion of the bank, which is immediately under his roof, and cast his eyes in the direction from which he heard the noise. There he saw upon the roof of the office-building referred to a man walking about and examining the skylights. Once the man came and peered in the iron-barred window of the bank, but he did not tarry there long. Mr. Harrison by this time came to the conclusion that it was time to take some action. So he climbed back into his room, and, putting on only such articles of clothing as the law requires, made his way to the street.

MET A NEWSPAPER-MAN.

The first person he met was a well-known newspaper man, though to the bank clerk he was a stranger. The clerk asked the scribe if he knew where a policeman could be found. The newsgatherer immediately evinced such an interest that Mr. Harrison became suspicious, and, in reply to the question, "what was the matter?" said that he thought there was a fire up the street. It had just entered his head that probably the well-dressed man to whom he was talking was an accomplice of the man on the roof, and was waiting for his pal to gain an entrance through the skylight and let him in. The newspaper-man, however, informing the clerk that he would go up the street with him and assist in finding a guardian of the peace, his suspicions were dispelled, and he told his real reasons for wishing an officer. Three blue-coats were soon found, and in less than ten minutes all of them were on the roof, each having gotten up from a different point, so as to "head off" the supposed burglar, no matter in which direction he tried to make his escape. But the bird had already flown. He took his departure without having "dropped in" upon any of the firms mentioned above, and yesterday everything in the offices were just as they had been left Saturday afternoon.

'SQUIRE GRAVES PRESIDES.

Cases Heard by Him in the Police Court Yesterday.

'Squire Lonnie Graves presided in the Police Court yesterday morning, in the absence of Justice John, and the Auditorium was filled with the usual spectators. The proceedings were not unlike those of other Monday mornings. A large number of drunks and other minor offences were found upon the docket.

The three suspicious characters who were picked up on the streets last Saturday night, and who gave their names as Edward Brice, Clarence Rose, and Charles Wilson, were discharged upon the condition that they would get out of town immediately.

The Police Court prefer no specific charge against them. The men said they were on their way to Washington from Newport News.

Hattie Eckert alias Ada Smiles was proven guilty of petty larceny, and sentenced to thirty days in jail. Hattie had stolen a lot of clothing from Fannie Peck.

The case of Joe Abrams (colored), charged with the larceny of two sets of buggy harness from Messrs. E. P. Murphy & Son, coal-dealers on west Broad street, was sent on to the grand jury. Joe has confessed his guilt.

For stealing a piece of meat valued at 50 cents from Mr. I. M. Liggon Major Meredith (colored) was given thirty days in jail.

Charles A. Goodman and James Mayo, two negro boys, who claim to be members of the former Jesse James gang, and whose aspirations are all fully expressed in the average half-dime novel, were before the court as suspicious characters. The negroes were arrested by Detectives Tomlinson and Gibson. Security of $500 for sixty days was required of each. They are suspected of having committed several bad deeds.

Security of $500 for sixty days was required of John Washington, a colored youth, who is held awaiting the development of grave charges. John is suspected of house-breaking, but the witnesses in the case are in Lynchburg. He is also charged with attempting to shoot David Yale.

The case of John Flannagan, charged with striking George C. Whitby on the head with a stick, was continued for ten days, on motion of the defence.

WHERE IS WEBB-PEPLOE?

He Was Last Heard from in Scotland—His Deeds.

The announcement in Sunday's Dispatch of the assignment of Mr. J. H. Webb-Peploe caused much speculation on the streets yesterday as to the whereabouts of the young lawyer, who has been absent from Richmond for several months. Those in position to know best as to the condition of Mr. Peploe's affairs say that they have no idea that the rumors of any financial irregularities on his part have any foundation. He made the deed which was filed here on Saturday in Philadelphia, on July 3d. He was known to have been in Scotland prior to this date, and the deed was, therefore, a great surprise to the friends of the lawyer, who did not think he would return to this country. They have no idea of his whereabouts now.

A few days before Mr. Peploe left town he settled up the affairs of the Preston Belvin trust, for which he was trustee, paying over to the creditors the money he had on hand, $1,200.

Mr. Peploe's wife and children reside at Bon Air, and a deed of trust upon Mr. Peploe's personal effects at that place, given to secure the preferred creditors under the deed of assignment, was also entered of record in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court Saturday.

THE ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

Parts Richmond Delegates Will Take in the Meeting.

The sixth annual Christian Endeavor Convention meets to-night at Charlottesville, in the First Baptist church, and will continue in session until Thursday. The exercises will be opened with praise service, by Rev. S. K. Wine, of Staunton. Those who attended the national convention at Washington will at this State gathering have the opportunity of again hearing Rev. B. Fay Mills and Mr. W. W. H. Smith. The most prominent of the Endeavorers who will attend from Richmond will be Mr. D. S. Bennett and Mr. Robert Lecky. The former will conduct the "Open Parliament on Committee Work," and the latter the prayer-meeting to be held Thursday morning. There will be no special train run to Charlottesville to accommodate the Endeavorers, but a reduced rate one, and a third for the round-trip will be made, and these special tickets will be good until the 5th.

Matt De Kalb Wants a Richmond Dog

Matt De Kalb Taylor, of Yazoo, Miss., the young man who caused so much excitement here last week, in an effort to wed Miss Pattie Mullan, has been heard from. Miss Mullan received a telegram from him Saturday, and yesterday Deputy-Sergeant Claiborne Epps received a letter from the young man, in which he reminds the deputy that he promised to send a Richmond dog to him as a souvenir of his visit to this city, and enjoins him to make the promise good.

Another Richmond gentleman, a friend of Matt's, received a similar letter yesterday from the youth, in which he is also reminded to send a Richmond dog to Yazoo.

Powhatan Club to Meet.

A regular meeting of the Powhatan Club will be held at its headquarters at 8 o'clock this evening. The Executive Committee will hold an important business session at 7:45 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

The Receipt.

(Harper's Round Table.)

"My papa makes lots of money," said Wallie.

"What out of?" asked Johnnie.

"Soap," said Wallie.

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RALEIGH'S BUDGET.

FACTS FROM THE STATE WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Corn, Cotton, and Hay—Republicans Not Pleased at the Speech of Dockery—Still at Large—Personal and General.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 31.—(Special.)—The State weekly crop bulletin issued to-day says that during the past seven days there has been no material change in the crop conditions. The rainfall was poorly distributed, and over large portions of the State the drought continues unabated. The best rains fell on the 24th. Old corn is fine and nearly ready for gathering. Cotton is practically past improvement, and in the eastern section is half-open, and is being picked rapidly. Rain and wind did some damage to this crop in Richmond, Rockingham, and Anson. In the West bolls are small, and shedding continues. Fodder is nearly all pulled; earlier than ever before. Hay is being harvested in large quantities. Tobacco cures thin, and what is left of that crop seems very poor. Late corn in the West has been benefited by the rains.

The Republicans are greatly excited, and in many cases angry, at the speech made by Oliver H. Dockery at Wadesboro' Saturday. His attack on Russell has stirred up the latter's friends. Some Republicans say Dockery went too far, that his speech will really drive away his own friends. There is some clamor against the Republican endorsement of him being allowed to stand. Some Republicans are so angry they declare their State Committee ought to meet at once and take all the Populist names off their ticket, and nominate instead "straight" Republicans. Ex-Congressman John Nichols takes a rather different view of the situation. He says that if there is to be fusion of Populists and Republicans on the State ticket, the Republicans cannot question anything Dockery says, as he was endorsed by them as a Populist; neither can the Populists question anything the Republicans may say; the entire business of each side being to vote for the joint ticket as put up.

PEABODY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction appoints to Peabody scholarship, Maud L. Blow, of Greenville; Dilla Horne, of Tarboro', and R. C. Holton, of New Berne.

The Supreme Court Library now contains over 11,000 volumes. Large additions have been made during the summer vacation. The term begins September 28th.

Mr. Pulaski Cowper, who has returned from a trip through Green and some other eastern counties, says he never saw the cotton crop as cut off, and believes that at the first picking very nearly all of it will be gathered. There are no blooms, he says, and the rapidity with which it opens is phenomenal.

Three prisoners cut out of the jail at Hillsboro' Saturday night and made their escape.

Twenty-five delegates from North Carolina left Greensboro' last night for Indianapolis to attend the "sound-money" Democratic convention.

STILL AT LARGE.

Despite strenuous efforts to capture Jim Chavis alias Booker, the negro brute who murdered Mahala White (colored) near here Saturday, he has not been taken.

Arrangements will probably be made for a large excursion from here to Southport at the time, in October, of the presentation of the gift to the cruiser Raleigh.

It is now learned that the young white man, Herbert Womble, who murdered a negro woman here last month, went to Norfolk, and left there on a vessel.

Sportsmen all agree in reporting the number of partridges to be unusually large this season.

The sweet-potato crop is badly cut off by the drought. The cotton-dealers here now say that crop is shorter than they believe could possibly be the case. The staple is of good quality.

Scotland Neck Mention.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., August 31.—(Special.)—The Roanoke Union, of the Tar-River Baptist Association, held a session at Halifax, closing last night. Various subjects pertaining to the work of the denomination were discussed. Rev. D. B. Ricard, of Lexington, who has been supplying the Scotland Neck Baptist church this summer, was ordained to the full work of the ministry. The ministers present were Revs. R. T. Vann, of Scotland Neck; A. G. Wilcox, and J. T. Edmundson, of Littleton; G. L. Finch, of Pulaski, Va.; W. R. Kendrick, of Weldon, and D. B. Ricard, of Lexington.

Rev. R. W. Hines, a Presbyterian minister from Hobgood, preached in the Baptist church here last night.

The male and female academies here opened a few days ago and the prospects are good for a very full session. The male academy has added to its faculty Mr. B. C. Bell, of University Station, N. C., and the female academy has added to its teaching force the Misses Ballou, of Kentucky, one a teacher of music, and the other of elocution.

Miss Bessie Shields goes to Franklin, Va., to-day to teach elocution in the Franklin Female Seminary.

Double Tragedy in Tarboro'.

TARBORO', N. C., August 31.—(Special.) A terrible tragedy occurred here to-day. About 4 o'clock this afternoon J. L. Dawson, a liveryman of this place, and Lillie Pope, a woman of ill-repute, were found dead in the house of the latter. A bullet hole was in Dawson's temple, and the face of the woman underneath the eye was torn by the passage of a bullet from the pistol that was found in her hand. No other signs of violence were found on the body of either. It is believed that the woman murdered Dawson in a fit of passion and jealously and killed herself. Dawson's body was taken this afternoon to La Grange, where his people live. Lillie Pope's body was sent to Battleboro' for interment.

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The Philippine Revolt.

MADRID, August 31.—Advices from Manila say that the separatist revolt in the Phillippine Islands has been renewed, and that a state of seige has been proclaimed at Manila.

Official advices from Manila say that the insurgents, 2,000 strong, made an attack upon the outposts of that city last evening, in an endeavor to surprise and break the line of defence. The rebels were repulsed, with a loss of sixty killed and a large number wounded. The Spaniards had six killed and several wounded.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS.

REPORTS FROM ALL GREAT BUSINESS CENTRES OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Money, Bonds, Stocks, Grain, Tobacco, Cotton, Cattle, Country Produce, &c., Foreign and Domestic.

NEW YORK, August 31.—A more confident tone characterized the railway and miscellaneous share speculation, and business was also on a larger scale. The transactions in stocks reached a total of 214,385, and in bonds $835,000. At the opening there was a slight period of hesitancy, cables having reported American securities slightly lower abroad. An announcement of the further engagement of $3,600,000 in gold abroad for shipment to New York soon brought about a decided change in sentiment, and the market ruled strong until late in the day. There was extensive covering of shorts throughout, and even commission-houses had a little more to do. The great factor at work, however, was the importation of gold, the amount now on the way and the arrivals of last week footing up the large total of $18,000,000. This, it is expected, will relieve the tension in money, and some operators, in consequence, were disposed to cover up their short contracts and assume risks on the bull side. No Clearing-House certificates were called for, and from present appearances it is not likely that any will be issued. This is also having its influence with the trading element.

The rise in prices ranged from 1-2 to 3 3-8 per cent., the latter in Tobacco, which advanced from 58 to 60 7-8. Manhattan, Sugar, the Grangers, Lake Erie and Western preferred, and Lackawanna gained 1 1-4 to 2 1-2 per cent.

During the afternoon trading was less active, and near the close money jumped to 12 per cent., bid. At the same time sterling exchange showed a tendency to strengthen, actual rates recovering fractionally, thus reducing the profits on gold imports. The result was that some of the smaller bulls on stocks decided to take their profits, and their sales brought about a general reaction of 1-4@1 1-4 per cent. At the close, however, the market was firm in tone. Net changes show advances of 1-2@2 1-8 per cent. on the day. Among the inactive issues, Illinois Steel fell 2 1-2, to 39 1-2, and recovered to 38 3-4@37. Minnesota Iron dropped 3, to 40, and rose to 43@41. Lead prefered advanced 3, to 80, and Metropolitan Traction 3 1-2, to 91 1-2. Sugar, which was the most active stock, figured for 46,200 shares. The sales of St. Paul were 29,300, and of Tobacco 19,900 shares.

Bonds were strong. The total sales $835,000.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Money on call active at 6@12 per cent., last loan at 9, and closing offered at 9; prime mercantile paper, 8@9 per cent.

Bar silver, 66 3-8c. Silver at the board was neglected.

Sterling exchange steadier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.82@$4.82 1-4 for sixty days, and $4.84 1-2@$4.84 3-4 for demand; posted rates, $4.82 1-2@$4.85; commercial bills, $4.81@$4.81 3-4.

Government bonds strong. State bonds dull. Railroad bonds higher.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Bids.
American Cotton Oil	8¾
American Cotton Oil, preferred	42
American Sugar	108¼
American Sugar Refineries, pref	97¾
American Tobacco	59½
American Tobacco, preferred	93
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe	11
Baltimore and Ohio	13
Canada Pacific	58
Chesapeake and Ohio	13¼
Chicago and Alton	150
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	61¾
Chicago Gas Trust	53⅝
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	149½
Erie	12½
Erie, preferred	28
General Electric	24¼
Illinois Central	86
Lake Erie and Western	14¾
Lake Erie and Western preferred	62
Lake Shore	141½
Louisville and Nashville	40¼
Louisville, New Albany and Chicago	1¾
Manhattan Consolidated	81
Memphis and Charleston	15
Michigan Central	88
Missouri Pacific	17½
Mobile and Ohio	15½
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Lou's	67½
United States Cordage	3¾
United States Cordage, preferred	7¼
New Jersey Central	94
New York Central	91½
New York and New England	20
Norfolk and Western, preferred	12½
Northern Pacific	10¼
Northern Pacific preferred	17½
Northwestern	95¼
Northwestern preferred	141½
Pacific Mail	17½
Reading	8⅝
Rock Island	56
St. Paul	66⅛
St. Paul, preferred	122
Silver Certificates	66¾
Tennessee Coal and Iron	17⅝
Tennessee Coal and Iron, preferred (a)	75
Texas Pacific	5½
Union Pacific	5
Wabash	5⅝
Wabash, preferred	13
Western Union	77¼
Wheeling and Lake Erie	5⅛
Wheeling and Lake Erie preferred	21
BONDS.	
Alabama (Class A)	100
Alabama (Class B)	100
Alabama (Class C)	90
Louisiana Stamped 4's	90
North Carolina 4's	95
North Carolina 6's	110
Southern Railway 5's	83
Southern Railway, common	7¼
Southern Railway, preferred	20¼
South Carolina 4½'s	95
Tennessee new settlement 3's	70
Virginia 6's, preferred	5
Virginia Trust Receipts, stamped	4
Virginia Consols	56
United States 4's, registered	103¾
United States 4's, coupon	106
United States 2's, coupon	91½
U. S. new 4's, registered	113¾
United States new 4's, coupon	113¾

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, August 31.—Virginia Century, 56@57; Northern Central, 65 1-2 asked; Consolidated Gas, stock, 58@59; do., bonds, 6's, 112 1-2 asked; do., bonds, 5's, 100 bid.

LONDON AND PARIS.

LONDON, August 31.—Bar silver, 30 11-16d.; consols, 112 9-16d. for money, and 112 5-8d. for the account.

5 P. M.—Paris advices quote 3 per cent. rents, 102f.; 90c. for the account.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

RICHMOND, August 31, 1896.

The closing quotations for to-day:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
United States 4's	103	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
Virginia 6's (1934)	66	68½
Centuries	55¾	56¼
CITY SECURITIES.		
Richmond city 4's	...	98
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Atlanta & Charlotte 100	...	95
Southern Railway 5's	82½	...
RAILROAD STOCKS. Par.		
Petersburg 100	...	111
Southern Railway, pref. 5's 100	20	...
Southern Railway, common 100	7	...
BANK STOCKS.		
Citizens Bank 25	...	28
City Bank 25	...	30
National Bank of Virginia 100	...	105
Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company	23	...

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

BANK STOCKS.	Par.	Bid.	Asked.
Security Bank	100	...	105
Virginia Trust Company	100	100	108
INSURANCE COMPANIES.			
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	...	34
Virginia State	25	...	24
MISCELLANEOUS.			
American Tobacco Company (preferred)	100	92	98
American Tobacco Company (common)	50	60	61

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., August 31, 1896.

Quotations: Wheat—Longberry, 57 to 65c.; mixed, 56 to 65c.; shortberry, 55 to 65c.; No. 2 red, 65c. Corn—Virginia white, 30c.; No. 2 white, 29c.; No. 2 mixed, 28c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 20 1-2 to 21c.; No. 3 mixed, 19 to 19 1-2c.; winter-seed, 25 to 30c. Rye, 33 to 38c.

RICHMOND LIVE-STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., August 31, 1896.

Receipts: Cattle, 450 head; sheep and lambs, 500 head; hogs, 200 head.

Sales: Cattle, 450 head; sheep and lambs, 350 head; hogs, 250 head.

Prices: Cattle—Best, 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c., gross; medium to good, 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c., gross; common to fair, 2 to 2 1-2c., gross; bulls, 2 to 2 3-4c., gross; sheep, 2 to 3 1-4c., gross; lambs, 3 to 5c., gross; hogs, 4 3-4 to 5c., net.

RICHMOND TOBACCO MARKET.

Richmond, Va., August 31, 1896.

No auction offerings on 'Change to-day. Private sales: Fillers, 3; wrappers, 4; Burley, 2; lugs, 12; leaf, 14. Total, 35 hogsheads.

Revenue collections: Cigars and cigarettes, $1,293.05; tobacco, $4,972.77. Total, $6,265.82.

No loose sales to-day.

Private sales for August, 1896: Wrappers, 201; smokers, 41; fillers, 593; dark leaf, 1,567; scrap, 31; Burley, 32; lugs, 283; stems, 21; western, 33. Total, 2,953 hogsheads, against 2,695 hogsheads last month, and 3,876 hogsheads for August, 1895.

As a whole trading has been fairly good during the month in old tobaccos. The new crop coming on the market in August may probably have affected the sales of old somewhat, and as the crop is earlier this year than usual, the falling off in sales of old this month may be thus accounted for in part.

Messrs. W. P. Anderson, of Wilson, N. C., and W. A. Adams, of Oxford, N. C., were here to-day.

Mr. Alexander Harthill's Louisville (Ky.) report of August 29th says in part:

Lighter offerings at auction of both Burley and dark tobaccos, a generally stronger market on all grades and kinds of tobacco, with weather clear and cool, were the leading features of the week.

Smokers: Red and colory were in large supply, and with the exception of the very commonest mixed, green hogsheads, which were lower, the market was generally more active throughout the week, at outside figures, than for some time past.

Fillers: Trash and common were in good supply, and were barely sustained at present quotations. Mediums were in small supply and commanded better attention than of late. Good and fine were in small supply, and met with a more active demand when colory. Some very nice averages were made on a few little lots of neatly handled and otherwise in perfect condition tobacco.

Colory and Bright Cutting: Nothing above medium offered. The bulk of all the offerings, which were very limited, were trash and common, which met with the same competition we have had throughout the season. Every buyer seems to want bright tobacco, consequently the demand is far ahead of the supply. Thirty-three hogsheads sold privately this week.

Darks: The offerings at auction remain the same as heretofore in quality, consisting of common leaf and lugs, the latter from the very commonest to good. The market showed this week, for the first time this season, an improvement in prices. Whether this hardening in prices is brought about by the universal reports of the enormous damage done to the dark crop by worms, or a more generous disposition on the part of buyers who have been buying steadily, helped on by some fresh orders in the market for both leaf and lugs, remains to be seen. It is a fact, however, that the majority of warehousemen who handle dark tobacco are of the opinion that it will continue to advance as soon as it is generally known how extensive the damage is.

The 1896 Crop: Again throughout the week the loud complaints of the enormous damage done by worms continue to come in. Buyers from this market, as well as all the lower markets, say never before have they seen anything to equal it. Field after field standing with nothing but the stalks and stems. This applies to a much larger extent in the dark district than in the Burley, although the latter has had an abundant supply of worms also.

Clarksville, Tenn., writes: Planters have checked the damage by the worms by cutting the ripe and partially-ripe tobacco, reducing the area to be wormed by hand. In a few weeks the whole crop will be in the barns.

Hopkinsville, Ky.: Farmers are steadily housing the crop, and we think that the end of the week will find fully two thirds of it in the barns.

Paducah, Ky.: Farmers are hustly cutting and housing the crop to get it out of the way of the worms. Lots of barns are being riddled on account of so many worms being left on the plants when housed.

Green-River District: We had a good rain on the 22d, but tobacco was badly field-fired before it fell. Bad reports from this and adjoining counties continue to come in of the great damage done by worms. Over half of the crop has been cut. Weather too cool and drying to good color.

The United States Department of Agriculture, under date of August 25th, says:

Eastern Kentucky: This section continues to be most bountifully supplied with excellent growing weather. All crops looking well. Tobacco being rapidly housed.

Central Kentucky: The cool weather of the past week, with rains on Saturday and Sunday, has almost disposed of the worms. Tobacco is being cut and housed in fine condition.

Western Kentucky: Much of the tobacco housed is damaged from curing green. Thousands of acres are said to have been destroyed, and in some instances worms have continued their ravages after tobacco has been housed.

Tennessee: Tobacco cutting has progressed, and much of the crop has been housed and is ready for firing. Many crops are so damaged as to render them useless. In part of Robertson county, the fine tobacco district, a recent hail-storm utterly destroyed many fine crops.

Indiana: Tobacco cutting is now in full blast, and is being housed in good condition.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, August 31.—Flour—Firm; winter wheat, low grades, $1.70@$2.50; do., fair to fancy, $2.40@$3.40; do., patents, $3.45@$3.75; Minnesota clear, $2.50@$2.70; patents, $3.15@$4.05; low extras, $1.70@$2.50; southern flour quiet and steady; common to fair extra, $2@$2.60; good to choice do., $2.60@$2.90.

Wheat—Spot market dull but steady and ⅛@¼c. lower; options fairly active and ⅛@⅜c. lower; No. 2