THE BOARD'S ANSWER

THIS PAPER FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT YESTERDAY.

NOT SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

He Dissents From the Views of His Associates—The Duties of the Body Purely Ministerial—Many Sustaining Authorities Quoted.

The session of the State Board of Canvassers yesterday was brief, and did not result, as had been anticipated, in the completion of the important work of the body. There will be another meeting today, and yet others may be found necessary. All of the members were present except Attorney-General Scott, who is still detained at home by sickness.

Mr. R. Carter Scott, Assistant Attorney-General, presented for the approval of the board the answer prepared by him to the petition of Mr. J. Yost, asking the Supreme Court of Appeals to issue a mandamus compelling the board to count for him the vote of Buckingham which was returned as having been cast for "Jacob" Yost. The paper was satisfactory to all of the members except the Governor, who did not sign it, and it was stated that his Excellency might file a different answer setting forth his position in the matter.

WHO WILL BE ELECTOR?

One reason why the board adjourned over until to-day was to allow Mr. Charles M. Wallace, Jr., and any others interested to go over the returns of the gubernatorial vote again and see if there were further irregularities which had not been detected. It was ascertained that in the Chesterfield certificate there is an omission of an initial in the name of Mr. D. Jarnette, one of the two leading Republican electors. Taking Chesterfield's votes from De Jarnette leave H. W. Jones ahead on the Republican ticket with apparently thirty-nine more votes than Mr. Wallace has. Further investigation may yet change the result.

No steps were taken yesterday with reference to the issuance of congressional certificates.

ANSWER OF THE BOARD.

The board's answer to the Yost petition for mandamus was filed in the Supreme Court early in the day. It demurs to the petition and amended petition, and denies that they are not sufficient in law. The facts in the case are recited and the exhibits filed are explained, and the grounds of demurrer:

Respondent board is advised that by the laws of this Commonwealth its power and authority are ministerial, and ministerial that in the examination and canvass to ascertain the result of election the board is restricted and limited to the evidence contained in the certified abstracts on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and that its decisions must be supported by, based upon and conform thereto.

Respondent board possesses no information or knowledge of the alleged fact contained in the tabulated statement on page 2 of the petition further than that they appear in the papers marked exhibit "A" and purport to have been made by the clerk and judges of election of Buckingham county, and of its authenticity and verity the board demanded strict proof.

BOARD HAS NO POWER.

But be this as it may, the board is advised it has no power or authority to go behind the certified abstracts or to hear evidence aliunde; and, though admitted that J. Yost and Jacob Yost is one and the same person, respondent board has no power or authority to give Jacob Yost the votes certified to have been cast in the county of Buckingham, for number 1,372, for Jacob Yost.

Respondent board is advised that this point is decided, in McKinney vs. Peers, clerk, etc., reported in 91 Virginia, 684, and that when the certificate from the returns before them has been made by the county Board of Commissioners, said board is functus officio, and thereafter the election contest must be made before the tribunal authorized by law to hear and determine such contention, in the controversy, the United States House of Representatives.

Respondent board, further answering, says that in all it has done, and in the conclusion reached, the board has had but one desire and a single purpose—to execute the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and discharge the trust committed to it without bias, fear, or favor; that in reaching its conclusion the board has followed and been guided by the best text-writers and adjudged cases.

WHAT MR. PAYNE SAYS.

Mr. Payne, in his treatise upon "Elections," section 611, says: "The duties of the Secretary of the State of Louisiana in the compilation and promulgation of the election returns are purely ministerial. He is to promulgate the result 'as shown by the returns.' If he make the compilation and promulgation upon other returns than those prescribed by the law, he may be compelled by mandamus to make them over again, in a form conform strictly to the statute. . . . They cannot receive or consider evidence of extrinsic circumstances, but are confined to the record of votes returned and laid before them, and mandamus will not lie to compel them to count for a candidate votes containing the initial letter only of his Christian name."

The same writer in section 615 says: "A tabulated statement of the votes by precincts accompanying the return is no part of the return required by law, and cannot be used to contradict the return itself. When the precinct inspectors are not authorized to make their returns to the county canvassers, they have no right to transmit copies of their returns to the State canvassers, nor can such copies if transmitted to the State canvassers be lawfully considered by them in evidence affecting their determination of the result. The State canvassers are bound to make their determination and statement of the result of the election from the certified statements of the county canvassers alone, and they have no authority to receive or act upon any other evidence. Nor can they receive or consider additional or supplementary returns made by the county canvassers at a time, or in a mode not authorized by law. . . . The State canvassers can rely only upon the certified statements of the county canvassers returned by the several county clerks to the Secretary of State, and have no authority to procure corrected returns, or to go behind the returns thus made, or to receive testimony aliunde either to sustain or invalidate them."

C. J. Gray, now one of the associate justices of the United States Supreme Court, in Clark vs. Board of Examiners, 12 Massachusetts, page 283, said:

"The nature and limit of these duties of Examiners of Election Returns have been clearly defined in former judgments of this court. 'Nothing can be clearer than the counting the votes and ascertaining the majorities, and giving certificates of the result are mere ministerial acts. They have no discretion in determining which of the candidates shall be elected. It must be the result of pure inflexible mathematical calculation.' They are not made a judicial tribunal nor authorized to decide upon the validity or the fact of the election in any other mode than by an examination of "the returns" made to them according to law. They are not required or authorized to hear witnesses or weigh evidence. They have no power to send for persons. If one result appears upon the returns, and another is the real truth of the case, they can only act upon the former. If they have done their duty the remedy of the person actually elected to the office is not to be sought in a mandamus. This court has no powers to direct public officers to do any more than their duty, or anything different from their duty.' * * *"

ONE OF THE CASES CITED.

"In the present case the returns of votes show that 6,287 votes were cast for 'Leonard Clark, of Springfield, and 198 for Leonard Clark'; 6,421 for Lawson Sibley, of Springfield.' These votes reckoned according to the rule in Strong's case show 6,485 votes for Leonard Clark and 6,535 votes for Lawson Sibley, so that Lawson Sibley appears to be elected by a plurality of fifty votes, unless the Board of Examiners erred in refusing to count for Leonard Clark 132 other votes cast for 'L. Clark, of Springfield,' and the question to be determined is whether the Board of Examiners erred in declining so to count these votes. It is quite usual to express the Christian names of persons both in their own signatures and by other persons by one letter only, although a single letter rarely constitutes the whole Christian name. The use of an initial letter only in legal documents, proceedings, or votes, is not to be commended, because of the danger of uncertainty in the identification of the persons, yet when no doubt of the identity is created or any such doubt may be removed by competent evidence the omission to set forth the Christian name at length, either in a person's own signature or in his description by another person (even if the latter knows his full name), though incomplete is not necessarily erroneous. * * *

"But the Board of Examiners cannot receive or consider such extrinsic evidence and is confined to the record of votes and laid before it according to the statute. Upon the face of the returns the votes cast for L. Clark, of Springfield, may possibly indicate a person whose whole Christian name consists of the letter L. or more probably a person having a name of which this letter is the initial and which may be either Leonard, or Lewis, or Luther, or any other name beginning with this letter. This is the utmost that can be known from the returns taken by themselves. The inference, however plausible, that the votes cast for 'L. Clark' were intended to be cast for 'Leonard Clark,' is left by the returns a matter of conjecture only. It is impossible, therefore, for this court upon the record before it, to say that the Board of Examiners erred in refusing to count the votes in question for 'Leonard Clark.'"

To the same effect, respondent board is advised, in Justices of the Supreme Court of Maine, 64 Me. 596; 6 A. & E. E. L. "Elections," p. 310 et seq.

THE REAL QUESTION AT ISSUE.

Further answering, the board is advised that there is no foundation on which to base, nor reason to sustain, the allegation in the amended petition, that petitioner claims and asserts "a right, title, authority, and immunity, guaranteed or conferred by the Constitution and laws of the United States." The issue joined between respondent board and the petitioner is this: Who, by the "certified abstract" on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, has been chosen by the qualified voters of the Tenth District to represent them in the Fifty-fifth Congress of the United States? And this depends on the meaning and construction to be placed upon Virginia's law in such cases made and provided, and the construction of these laws; the respondent board, is advised, involves no right, title, authority, or immunity conferred upon or guaranteed to petitioner by the Constitution and laws of the United States. This instrument, Article I., section iv., 1, enacts "the times, places, and maner of holding elections for * * * Representatives shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof"; and, section v., 1., that "each house shall be the judge of the election returns and qualifications of its own members."

In Hamilton vs. Dudley, 24 Pet. 524, Chief-Justice Marshall said: "The judicial department of every government is the rightful expositor of its laws, and emphatically of its supreme law." And, in Elmendorf, 2 Taylor, 10 Wheat. 549: "The judicial department of every government where such department exists is the appropriate organ for construing the legislative acts of that government." Mr. I. McLain, in Green vs. McBell, 6 Pet. 298, said: "The decisions of the highest tribunals of a State should be considered as final by this court, not because the State tribunal in such case has any power to bind the court, but because, in the language of the court, in Shelby et als. vs. Guy, 2 Wheat 361: "A fixed and received construction by a State in its own court makes a part of the statute law," and in the words, C. J. Taney, in Martin vs. Waddill, 16 Pet. 461: "The sanction of the judicial authority of the State is given to it. * * * This decision, made upon such a question with great deliberation and research, ought, in our judgment, to be conclusive."

Respondent board submit themselves to this honorable court, ready to execute its judgment and obey its orders.

Having fully answered, pray to be hence dismissed with their costs.

Lecture on X-Rays.

Professor C. H. Winston delivered his lecture on the X-rays last evening to a fine audience at the Seventh-Street Christian church.

It is seldom that an opportunity is afforded to hear a lecture in which instruction and entertainment are so blended. The distinguished teacher gave the history of the wonderful discovery, giving many exceedingly brilliant illustrations. He took fine photographs of many article enclosed in a wooden box, some within the folds of a book; also a very clear picture of a little girl's hand, showing the bones distinctly. Many persons, at his invitation, went forward and looked at the bones in their own hands.

At the close the audience gave the Professor a unanimous and enthusiastic vote of thanks.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

On Monday, November 30th, at 8:15 o'clock, the members of all the chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the city will attend service at the Monumental church, the occasion being the celebration of St. Andrew's-Day.

Addresses will be made by the two latest additions to the Episcopal clergy of this city—the Right Rev. C. C. Penick, of St. Mark's church, and the Rev. William Meade Clark, of St. James church—while the singing will be led by the excellent vested choir of the Monumental church. The middle aisle will be reserved for men, but the rest of the church will be free to all who may come.

Married on Wednesday.

A very pretty marriage occurred on Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, 616 north Twenty-fifth street, the contracting parties being Mr. T. C. Cheatham, of Petersburg, and Miss Lula Bowles, daughter of Mr. J. A. Bowles. The ushers were Messrs. J. Alfred Rucker, of Baltimore, and William H. Bowles, brother of the bride. The couple left on the 7:30 o'clock train on a southern bridal tour, and on their return will reside in Petersburg, the home of the groom.

ON THE APPOMATTOX.

PRESENTED WITH A BEAUTIFUL TEMPLAR'S JEWEL.

A Warm Welcome for the New Methodist Parson—A Brilliant German—Projected Excursion from Chicago—Death in Dinwiddie.

PETERSBURG, VA., November 27.—(Special.)—The report of the Health Officer for the month ending November 26th shows that only thirty deaths occurred in this city during that period—fourteen among the white and sixteen among the colored population. There were five deaths among children under 5 years of age and eleven among adults over 50 years. The rate of mortality on the whole population (25,000) was only 14.4 per 1,000 per annum.

A BEAUTIFUL JEWEL.

Captain John T. Parham, of this city, who has just retired from the position of Grand Commander of the Order of Knights Templar of Virginia, was the recipient yesterday from the Grand Commandery, in Richmond, of a Past-Grand Commander's jewel. Upon its front the jewel bears the legend, "Past Grand-Commander, Virginia"; on the reverse, "Presented by the Grand Commandery, K. T., of the State of Virginia, to Right-Eminent John T. Parham, Past Grand-Commander, as a Token of Their Knightly Esteem, 1896." The jewel is a beautiful specimen of its kind, and cost about $100. Captain Parham is the second citizen of Petersburg upon whom this honor has been bestowed, Mr. James B. Blanks being the other. Both gentlemen are noted for their zeal and interest in behalf of Masonry and Templarism, and both have done great work in the cause.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Rev. J. W. Stiff, the new pastor of Wesley Methodist Episcopal church, finds on his coming to his charge a handsomely-furnished parsonage, and a "pounding party" from the church, with donations sufficiently liberal to supply his larder and other personal needs for some time to come. Mr. Stiff will preach his opening sermon on Sunday morning.

Rev. L. C. Shearer, the retiring pastor of Wesley church, left this morning for his new field of labor.

Rev. W. A. Barr, of Suffolk, will deliver an address before the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at St. Paul's church on Sunday night.

A brilliant german, the first of the season, was given to-night at the Grays' Armory by the Assembly, the fashionable club of the city. The best society was represented on the floor of the hall; the costumes were elegant, and beauty and chivalry ruled. A superb supper was served, and festivities were kept up until a late hour.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor held last evening bills amounting to $408 (expenses for the month) were ordered to be paid. The Superintendent reports 77 inmates in the almshouse—29 white and 48 colored.

The fight in the Republican State Committee to depose Colonel William Lamb, of Norfolk, from the chairmanship causes a great deal of interest and comment here.

It is understood that an excursion from Chicago and vicinity to Petersburg is being arranged for the early part of the new year. It is expected that the party will number some four or five hundred persons, composed of Grand-Army men who wish to visit our battle-fields, and of others, who wish to prospect for lands in this section.

Mr. Eugene Powell died last night at the home of his father, in Dinwiddie county. The deceased was a son of Dr. E. C. Powell.

EMPORIA.

The Fall Races—Change of Venue—Enjoyable Dance.

EMPORIA, VA., November 27.—(Special.)—Yesterday afternoon the Emporia fall races took place, and attracted quite a crowd. They were as follows:

First race—trotting, 2:40 class; best two in three—won by Dr. Crumpler's horse, Sallaway. Time, 2:33.

Second race—trotting, 3-minute class; best two in three—won by George Johnston's horse. Time, 2:28.

Third race—running, half-mile—won by Mr. Fitzhugh's horse, Maud J. Time, 56 seconds.

Mr. E. L. Turner, Clerk of the County Court, received from the Clerk of Norfolk County Court the record in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Claude W. Wright, recently removed to this court on a change of venue.

On last evening Baker's Hall was the scene of one of the prettiest dances that have been given here in quite awhile. There were a number of visitors in attendance, and the dance was greatly enjoyed by all the participants. The music was furnished by the Emporia String Band. Among those present were: Misses Madge Barnes, of Edenton, N. C.; Lizzie Leith, of Burkeville; Blanche Fleetwood, of Waverly; Mamie Drewry, of Southampton; Mary Turner, Bertha Kernes, Minnie Goodwyn, Sallie and Belle Powell, Rose and Lillie Gaskins, Bettie Mays; and Mesdames Goodwyn, Bruce, Guthrie, Powell, and Schwartz; and Messrs. Gerald Stratton and Hugh Smith, of Petersburg; E. Peyton Turner, E. E. Goodwyn, Archie Potter, W. W. Robertson, Roney Daughtry, Peter Jones, Clifton Davis, W. C. Weaver, J. A. Bailey, Nat. Vincent, J. W. Grizzard, W. T. Harding, Hugh McNair, and Jesse Lawrence.

Given Twelve Years.

SURRY, VA., November 27.—(Special.)—The case of the Commonwealth vs. W. F. Parkerson, on trial in the County Court of this county for the last two days, was brought to an end yesterday evening at 6 o'clock. The evidence was all before the jury by noon. The next two hours were consumed by counsel in the argument of instructions to be given the jury by the Court.

After a recess of one hour for dinner the court reconvened and the argument of the case before the jury was begun. The Commonwealth's Attorney, Mr. W. B. Clarke, opened in a speech of one hour, in which he very carefully went over the evidence.

Hon. Robert T. Armistead, of Williamsburg, replied in quite an eloquent and argumentative speech for the accused. Mr. Clarke then closed the argument, and the case was given to the jury. In thirty minutes the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree, and fixed the punishment of the accused at twelve years in the penitentiary.

This Will be a Busy Store To-Day.

Hundreds of Boys' Knee-Pants Suits,

Hundreds of Boys' Long-Pants Suits,

Hundreds of Boys' Reefers,

Hundreds of Boys' Overcoats,

comprising all of our broken lots, at exactly

One Half of the Regular Price

$ 2.50	Boys' Suits, Overcoats, and Reefers.....To-Day	$ 1.25
3.00	Boys' Suits, Overcoats, and Reefers.....To-Day	1.50
4.00	Boys' Suits, Overcoats, and Reefers.....To-Day	2.00
5.00	Boys' Suits, Overcoats, and Reefers.....To-Day	2.50
6.00	Boys' Suits, Overcoats, and Reefers.....To-Day	3.00
7.50	Boys' Suits, Overcoats, and Reefers.....To-Day	3.75
8.00	Boys' Suits, Overcoats, and Reefers.....To-Day	4.00
9.00	Boys' Suits, Overcoats, and Reefers.....To-Day	4.50
10.00	Boys' Suits, Overcoats, and Reefers.....To-Day	5.00
12.50	Boys' Suits, Overcoats, and Reefers.....To-Day	6.25
15.00	Boys' Suits, Overcoats, and Reefers.....To-Day	7.50

Knee-Pants at 50c. on the Dollar.

All broken lots—matters not what kind or how desirable.

$ .50	Knee Pants at	$ .25
1.00	Knee Pants at	.50
1.50	Knee Pants at	.75
2.00	Knee Pants at	1.00
2.50	Knee Pants at	1.25

Star Percale Shirt-Waists, 75c. and $1 kind at 35c. each or three for $1 (no more than six to any one customer).

Star Flannel Shirt-Waists—just the thing for school wear—regular price $1 and $1.50. To-day, 42c.

Two lots of Men's Blue and Black Kersey Overcoats—usual $12.50 value. To-day, $7.50.

One lot of Men's Black Cheviot Suits (Single and Double-Breasted)—would be advertised as bargains elsewhere at $10. Our price, $7.50.

Six lots of Men's $4, $4.50, and $5 quality Pants—Cheviots, Cassimeres, and Worsteds—To-day, $2.75.

A. Saks & Co.,

"Saks' Corner."

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, November 27.—Stocks were quiet and very irregular to-day. Operators generally were disposed to hesitate until the President's message is sent in to Congress, and commission-houses complained of a lack of orders. Room-traders were bullish and bearish by fits and starts, but their operations were on a much smaller scale than of late. In the early dealings the tendency was downward, on account of lower cables from London, the general expectation that the St. Paul and Burlington and Quincy statements now due will be unfavorable, and an advance of 1-2c. in the posted rates of sterling exchange to $4.84 and $4.87 1-2.

The industrial group scored the heaviest losses at this time. Consolidated Gas dropped 3 1-2, to $1.61 3-4. The directors at their meeting to-day declared the usual quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. This was a disappointment, as the declaration of an extra 10 per cent. had been looked for in some quarters. The managers, according to official statements, did not consider the question of consolidating with the other local companies. This was also a disappointment, and led to liquidations. Laclede Gas, common, broke 4 3-4, to 24, and the preferred 4 1-2, to 75. Rumors of a forthcoming unfavorable decision by the United States Supreme Court had an adverse influence on these stocks.

In the inactive issues, Long Island, which has been heavy of late, dropped 5 1-2, to 54 1-2. Toward the close, St. Paul and Omaha ran up 2 1-2, to 46 1-2, on talk of a dividend of 1 1-2 per cent. This was not generally credited, however, in usually well-informed quarters. This stock was also benefited by the favorable statement for October. For the month named the road earned $1,117,261, an increase of $73,168. The rise quoted had a strengthening effect on the market in the late dealings, and the closing, while quiet, was firm.

A feature of the day was the enormous supply of money offering on call. One broker, alleged to be acting for the American Sugar Refining Company, lent $3,500,000 at 2 per cent. Estimates place the total loans to-day at this rate at nearly $7,000,000. Specie closed firmer in tone. Some of the prominent stocks showed gains of 1-8@2 1-4 per cent., while others lost 1-4@1 per cent.

In the specialties, Long Island lost 5 1-4, Leclede Gas 4 3-4, do., preferred, 4 1-2, and National Starch, first preferred, 3 3-4 per cent.

The total sales were 141,799 shares, including 29,800 Reading, 14,500 Burlington and Quincy, 10,500 St. Paul, and 9,200 Leather preferred.

Bonds closed firmer. The total sales were $1,254,000.

Treasury balances: Coin, $121,004,715; currency, $45,534,166.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Money on call easy, at 2@2 1-2 per cent.; last loan at 2, and closing offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4@4 3-4 per cent.

Bar silver, 65 1-8. Silver at the board quiet.

Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83 1-4@$4.83 1-2 for sixty days, and $4.86 1-2@$4.86 3-4 for demand. Posted rates, $4.84@$4.87 1-2. Commercial bills, $4.83@$4.83.

Government bonds steady. State bonds dull. Railroad bonds firm.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Stocks.
American Cotton Oil	14⅛
American Cotton Oil, preferred	59
American Sugar	117⅝
American Sugar Refineries, pref.	102
American Tobacco	76
American Tobacco, preferred	101⅛
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe	14
Baltimore and Ohio	17
Canada Pacific	56⅛
Chesapeake and Ohio	16½
Chicago and Alton	160
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	79
Chicago Gas	73¼
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	157½
Erie	15½
Erie, preferred	35
General Electric	32¾
Illinois Central	93
Lake Erie and Western	18⅛
Lake Erie and Western, preferred	70
Lake Shore	150
Louisville and Nashville	49⅛
Louisville, New Albany and Chicago	⅝
Manhattan Consolidated	98¼
Memphis and Charleston	15
Michigan Central	90
Missouri Pacific	22¼
Mobile and Ohio	22
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis	67⅛
United States Cordage	6⅝
United States Cordage, preferred	12¼
New Jersey Central	105
New York Central	94⅛
New York and New England	45¼
Norfolk and Western, preferred	16¾
Northern Pacific	14⅛
Northern Pacific, preferred	24⅝
Northwestern	104⅛
Northwestern, preferred	149
Pacific Mail	28
Reading	28⅛
Rock Island	69½
St. Paul	74⅛
St. Paul, preferred	129¼
Silver Certificates	65¼
Tennessee Coal and Iron	24¾
Tennessee Coal and Iron, preferred	90
Texas Pacific	9⅝
Union Pacific	9⅞
Wabash	6⅝
Wabash, preferred	16⅝
Western Union	86¾
Wheeling and Lake Erie	8¼
Wheeling and Lake Erie, preferred	31⅛

BONDS.

Alabama (Class A)	101⅛
Alabama (Class B)	101
Alabama (Class C)	96
Louisiana Stamped 4's	96
North Carolina 4's	97½
North Carolina 6's	119
Southern Railway 5's	89
Southern Railway, common	10
Southern Railway, preferred	28⅛
South Carolina 4½'s	100
Tennessee new settlement 3's	80
United States 2's, coupon	95⅛
United States 4's, registered	110
United States 4's, coupon	110¼
U. S. new 4's, registered	119⅞
United States new 4's, coupon	119⅝
Virginia 6's, preferred	5
Virginia Trust Receipts, stamped	8
Virginia Consols	61⅜

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., November 27.—Virginia 3's, new, 74 1-2 asked; do., Century, 60 1-2@61 asked; Baltimore and Ohio, 17; Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern 1sts, 98 1-2 bid; Baltimore and Ohio income, B., 8 1-2 bid; Gas, stock, 63 asked; Gas, stock, 5's, 103 1-2 bid.

LONDON AND PARIS.

LONDON, ENG., November 27.—Bar silver, 29 15-16d. Consols, 111 11-16 for money, and 111 3-4 for the account.

PARIS, November 27, 4:20 P. M.—Three per cent. rentes, 102f., 7 1-2c., for the account.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

RICHMOND, November 27, 1896.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
United States 4's	110	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's	101	...
North Carolina 6's	122	...
Virginia 3's	73¼	74
Centuries	60⅛	61
CITY SECURITIES.		
Richmond city 4's	97	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Atlanta and Charlotte 1st 7's	118	...
Atlanta and Charlotte g'd In. 6's, R. 1900	...	101
Char., Col. and Augusta 2d 7's C.	112	...
Petersburg (Class A) 5's	108	...
Petersburg (Class B) 6's	113	...
Savannah, Americus and Montgomery	86⅛	...
Southern Railway 5's	88⅛	89⅛

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

RAILROAD BONDS.	Par.	Bid.	Asked
Georgia and Alabama pref. 5s		99⅛	102
Georgia and Alabama consols		82	83
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.		
Petersburg	100	108	...
Richmond and Petersburg	100	113⅛	...
Southern Railway, pref. 5's	100	28	...
Southern Railway, common	100	10	...
Georgia and Alabama 1st preferred		24⅛	25⅛
Georgia and Alabama common		8⅛	9⅛
BANK STOCKS.			
Planters National	100	250	...
Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company	30	29	31
Security Bank	100	100	105
State Bank of Virginia	100	135	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50	112	...
Virginia Trust Company	100	107¼	...
INSURANCE COMPANIES.			
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	33¾	35
Virginia State	25	...	24
MISCELLANEOUS.			
American Tobacco Company (preferred)	100	101	....
American Tobacco Company (common)	50	75	77

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., November 27, 1896.

Quotations: Wheat—Longberry, 88@95c.; mixed, 87@88c.; shortberry, 85@95c.; No. 2 red, 95c. Corn—White, Virginia, 30@31c.; No. 2 white, 31c.; No. 2 mixed, 29@30c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 21½@22c.; No. 3 mixed, 21@21½c.; winter seed, 32@36c. Rye, 38@43c.

RICHMOND TOBACCO MARKET.

Richmond, Va., November 27, 1896.

No auction sales on 'Change to-day, and private sales very light.

Bright loose sales to-day were quite large at both Planters' and Stonewall warehouses, where bidding was lively throughout the breaks, and every grade and pile brought full market value. A good proportion of strippers and good smokers were in breaks at both houses. Highest price of the day, $40 (for wrappers). Dark logs sales, 98,340 pounds, and $10.25 highest price.

Sales for week, 187,840 pounds; highest price, $11.75.

To-day's sales of dark were decidedly the largest thus far this season, and commanded the full attention of all our buyers, who followed sales closely, and bid freely on all grades. The dark crop is an unusually good one, and will no doubt attract many orders from out-of-town factories. Prices are fully strong on all grades. Quality good, selling almost every day up to $10, while the highest point reached is $14.25, and yet farmers all say the good tobacco will not be marketed for some little time yet.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, November 27.—Flour—Steady and unchanged; southern flour quiet, steady, and unchanged.

Wheat—Spot market dull but firmer; ungraded red, 87@92½c. Options opened weak at a 1-16@⅛c. decline; advanced 1@1 7-8c., fell 1-8@¼c., and closed firm—⅛@¼c. over Wednesday, with a fair trade; No. 2 red, November, 90¼c.; December, 90¼c.; May, 89⅝c.

Corn—Spots dull and easier; No. 2, 29½@29¾c., in elevator; 30½@30¾c. afloat. Options dull and weak at a 1-8@3-8c. decline; November, 29@c.; December, 29 5-8c.; May, 30 3-8c.

Oats—Spots dull but firmer. Options dull but firmer; December, 24¼c.; May, 26 7-8c.; spot: No. 2, 24c.; No. 2 white, 26c.; mixed western, 27@25c.

Hay—Quiet and easy; shipping, 60@62½c.; good to choice, 75@82c.

Wool—Firm, quiet, and unchanged.

Beef—Steady and quiet; family, $9@$10; extra mess, $7@$7.50; beef hams firm at $1.75; tierced beef quiet and steady; city, extra India mess, $12@$13.50.

Cut Meats—Firm; shoulders, $4; hams, $8.50@$8.75.

Lard—Quiet and firmer; western steam, $4.25; city, $3.75; December, $4.25; refined firmer; Continent, $4.60; compound, $4.50@$4.75.

Pork—Firmer; new mess, $8.25@$8.75.

Butter—In light demand; fancy firm; State dairy, 11@14c.; creamery, 14@22c.; western dairy, 8@13c.; Elgins, 22½@23c.

Eggs—About steady; State and Pennsylvania, 25@26c.; ice-house, 16@18c.; western fresh, 22@24c.; so., case, $2.25@$5; southern, 21@23c.; limed, 15½@16c.

Cottonseed-Oil—Dull; crude, 22c.; yellow prime, 25c. asked.

Rosin—Quiet and steady; strained, common to good, $1.90.

Turpentine—Steady at 27@27½c.

Rye—Firm, in fair demand, and unchanged.

Molasses—Steady, in moderate demand, and unchanged.

Peanuts—Firm; fancy, hand-picked, 3½@3¾c.

Coffee—Barely steady and 5@20 points down; November, $9.50; December, $9.15@$9.30; May, $9.20@$9.25; July, $9.25@$9.30; September, $9.30; spot Rio dull and easy; No. 7, $10.

Sugar—Raw dull but steady; fair refining, 2 7-8c.; centrifugals, 96 degree test, 3¼c.; refined dull and unchanged.

Freights to Liverpool—Quiet; cotton, by steam, 5-32d.; grain, by steam, 4½d.

BALTIMORE PRODUCE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, November 27.—Flour—Dull.

Wheat—Unsettled and higher; spot, 93¾c. November, 93¾c. asked; December, 91¼@91¾c.; May, 91¾c. asked; steamer No. 2 red, 86¾c. asked; southern, by sample, 85@85c.; southern, on grade, 90¼@91¼c.

Corn—Strong; spot, November, new or old, November or December, 29½@29 3-8c.; January, 29½c. bid; February, 29¾c. bid; steamer mixed, 26½@26¾c.; southern white, 25½@28½c.; southern yellow, 25½@26½c.

Oats—Quiet and steady; No. 2 white, 25@26c.; No. 2 mixed, 22½@23c.

Rye—Firmer; No. 2 near by, 42@43c.; No. 2 western, 45c.

Hay—Firm; choice timothy, $13.50@$14.

Grain Freights—Show some improvement.

Provisions—Steady; mess pork, $9; bulk shoulders, $5.50; short-rib sides, $5.25; clear sides, $5.25.

Lard—Refined tierces, $5.50; case, $5.75.

Butter—Firm; fancy creamery, 22@23c.; fancy ladle, 14@15c.; store-packed, 8@10c.

Coffee—Dull; No. 7, $10.25.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, ILL., November 27.—Nothing presenting the least appearance of weakness was noticeable in the wheat market to-day. Those who were unable to concur in the bullish sentiment declared their inability to sell in the face of the bullish temper privilege, but at the same time were unwilling to espouse the buying side. The opening was, perhaps, the easier period of the session, when prices showed a temporary decline in response to a similar tone at Liverpool. The loss was quickly recovered, however, and during the balance of the session there was an almost uninterrupted rise. May wheat opened at from 82 5-8 to 83c., advanced to 83c., and closed at 84 3-4c.—1 1-2c. higher than Wednesday. Cash wheat was strong and 1 1-2c. higher.

Corn was neither very strong, nor yet weak, but it was unquestionably dull. The rising qualities of wheat held prices in corn fairly steady, but the appalling proportions of stocks prevented any material advance. May corn opened at 27 1-4c., sold between 27 1-8 and 27 1-2c., and closed at 27 3-4@27 1-2c.—1-8c. higher than Wednesday. Cash corn was firm and 1-4@1-2c. higher.

Oats were quiet and and steady. Wheat conveyed a portion of its strength to this, as well as to the other grains. May oats closed unchanged from Wednesday. Cash oats were firm, some sales being made at an advance of 1-4c.

Provisions.—What firmness appeared in product was extended by hogs. The packing for the week, as given by the Cincinnati Price Current, was 220,000, against 430,000 for the corresponding week a year ago. This was an aid to the tone of the product market. The close was firm, but at a recession from the outside. January pork closed 15@17 1-2c. higher, January lard 7 1-2@10c. higher, and January ribs 7 1-2c. higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT—				
Nov.	80¼@81¼	81⅞	80⅛	81⅝
Dec.	79¾@80	81⅝	79⅝	81⅛
May	82⅝@83	85	82⅝	84¾
CORN—				
Nov.	23⅜	23⅞	23⅜	23⅝
Dec.	23⅝	24	23¾	23⅞
May	27¼	27½	27⅛	27⅜@27½
OATS—				
Nov.	19	19	19	19
Dec.	19¼	19¼	19	19¼
May	22⅝	22⅝	22¼	22⅝
MESS PORK—				
Dec.	$6.70	$6.82½	$6.70	$6.80
Jan	7.67½	7.85	7.65	7.77½
May	8.00	8.15	8.00	8.10
LARD—				
Dec.	3.82½	3.87½	3.80	3.85
Jan	4.02½	4.12½	4.00	4.07½
May	4.27½	4.35	4.25	4.30
RIBS—				
Dec.	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85
Jan	3.85	3.95	3.85	3.90
May	4.05	4.12½	4.00	4.10

Cash quotations: Flour quiet and firm, with prices unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 80 1-8@82 3-8c.; No. 3 red, 82 5-8@92 3-8c. No. 2 corn, 23 3-4@24 1-2. No. 2 oats, 19 1-4@19 3-8c. Mess pork, $6.85@$6.87 1-2. Lard, $3.85@$3.90; Short-rib sides, $3.65@$3.90; dry-salted shoulders, $4.25@$4.50; short clear sides, $4@$4.12 1-2. Whiskey—On the basis of $1.18 for high-proof spirits.

CHICAGO LIVE-STOCK MARKET.

UNION STOCK-YARDS, ILL., November 27.—Cattle—Market strong; common to extra steers, $3.40@$5.85; stockers and feeders, $2.50@$3.10; cows and bulls, $1.50@$3.75; Texans, $2.65@$4.15; western rangers, $3.25@$3.80.

Hogs—Receipts, 19,000 head; market strong to 5c. higher; heavy packing and shipping lots, $3.20@$3.50; common to choice mixed, $3.25@$3.55; choice assorted, $3.40@$3.50; light, $3.25@$3.50; pigs, $2.60@$3.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 7,000 head; market firm; inferior to choice, $2@$3.50; lambs, $3@$3.25.