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DEALING IN FUTURES.

A Chicago judge recently took occasion to express himself in strong terms concerning "future" dealing in the grain trade.

But it must not be inferred from this that all such trading is pure gambling, and to be discouraged.

Take an illustration: We will suppose that a miller makes a contract with a number of merchants in January to deliver them flour in June at such and such a price.

Now, if the miller has on hand a sufficient amount of grain to meet these demands he is safe, for he will make no difference to him whether grain on the open market six months hence is high or low.

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home market, which the high tariff protected from foreign competition. There was no occasion for economy in the cost of production, relatively speaking, and so we were not able in many departments of industry to compete successfully with the foreigners in their market.

But when the hard times came in 1893 our manufacturers found that they were compelled to reduce the cost of production and to make the best article for the lowest price in order to sell goods even in the home market.

But changes have come within the past year or so. There has been such a demand for products at home that we have not had the goods to spare in some lines of industry, and so far from courting the foreign trade, we have been importing more goods than usual.

That being the case, it seemed to us that Judge Campbell's paper was in poor position to be condemning the Richmond newspapers on the score of unfairness.

We repeat that if the Richmond papers had been as one-sided against him as his paper has been one-sided in his favor, he would have had just ground for some complaint against them.

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Trend of Thought in Dixie Land

Memphis Commercial Appeal: It looks as if Mr. Cleveland might be allowed to attend the opening exercises of the South-Western Fair without exciting every backslider in the country.

Atlanta Constitution: "While our friends of the opposition are chafing over what they term the split in the National Democracy, our tariff chasm in their own party keeps growing wider and deeper at a rate highly promising to Democratic success next year."

Birmingham Age-Herald: "Turn the Lowell incident as one will, it seems destined to help the South, where cheaper labor, cheaper raw material and cheaper fuel already are at hand and fully available."

Florida Times-Union: "Mr. Cleveland has consented to add his imposing avoirdupois to a platform on which Booker Washington is to speak. Now, wait and see Mr. Bryan improve the opportunity to make a few slight drafts on his vocabulary."

New Orleans Picayune: "It is plain that it requires no special sagacity to understand that the negro question is becoming more and more a Northern problem, and the negroes will learn the hard way to use their vote, and concessions and advantages which would otherwise be out of their reach, and they will not fail to go in for all in sight."

Short Talks to the Legislature. Winchester Star: The Legislature now sitting in Richmond is guilty of many sins of omission and commission, but it should be heartily commended for enacting the pure election law passed in another corner of this issue of The Star.

Fredericksburg Free Lance: Considering the numerous sessions of the Legislature held here lately, the State of Virginia has so far come out remarkably well.

Alexandria Gazette: The appointment of Mr. Catton, of this city, to the committee to revise the State laws in conformity to the new Constitution is a just recognition of his ability, which the constituency he represents appreciates.

Newport News Times-Herald: We do not believe that there is a man in Virginia who is not proud of Richmond, the beautiful capital within whose breast is locked a thousand memories dear to our people, and yet whose busy hands have built a city of metropolitan proportions.

North Carolina Sentinel. The Concord Tribune says: "The Davis monument fund grows. This is said to the credit of the Daughters of the Confederacy, who have with untiring effort worked with determination to accomplish the noble end."

The Greensboro Telegram discourses briefly thus: "There will doubtless be a good deal said in criticism of the Asheville minister who went slumming, but the fact remains that the minister who holds his religion under the lightest rein."

The following from the Greenville Register would seem to indicate that it is up to the newspapers: "If Governor Aycock's plan to appeal to the business interest of the State to furnish a companion to the \$10,000 bill appropriated by the Legislature for a St. Louis exhibit meets with no better success than the date set for the erection of the monument to the memory of the great Davis."

The Durham Herald says: "We do not know that the next convention will endorse free silver or declare for the gold standard, yet whatever it does will be considered pure Jeffersonian Democracy."

The Greensboro Record is hard to be discouraged. It says: "That measly ground hog got in his work at last; all the fruit is killed. Never mind. Next year we will have him. A building to house him is being built next to 'Square Pritchett's' office, and he'll be put away where he can't do any harm."

Personal and General. General Alger, aged sixty-seven, is the oldest of the sixteen new United States Senators, and Elder Samuel of Utah, aged forty-one, is the youngest. The average age of the sixteen is fifty-three years.

A New York paper says: Skye Temple, one of General Robert E. Lee's most famous scouts, is sick and penniless in New York city.

Bishop Conaty, the retiring rector of the Catholic University at Washington, will be given a banquet by prominent residents of the District on Easter Monday.

George Washington Tuttle, one of the founders of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, died at Bath, N. Y., on Friday. General Raleigh Martindale, of San Diego, Cal., died on Monday.

Half Hour With Virginia Editors.

The West Point News offers this suggestion: "Instead of pensioning school teachers, would it not be a far better idea to pay the teachers of the rural schools better salaries? By so doing this class of educators might be enabled to accumulate something for a 'rainy day'—and in their old age not be subjects of the State's charity."

The South Boston Times, after a survey of the field, reports: "Throughout the State the cause of temperance is being agitated as, perhaps, it never has before. In every section the Anti-Saloon League is at work with unflagging energy and zeal."

The Farmville Herald enthusiastically remarks: "If Virginia's treasury can't bear the burden of two hundred thousand for the Jamestown Exposition, the people of the State and the railroads can. Let their unite to insure a signal success."

The Bedford Bulletin discovers a strange resemblance. It says: "Cleveland says he is out of politics as an adviser; Bryan says he will not be a candidate, but gives advice by the wholesale. Perhaps the two men are not so radically different after all."

The Fredericksburg Star reports as follows: "The peach crop has so far escaped the frost, but some of our gubernatorial aspirants seem not to have been so fortunate."

A FEW FOREIGN FACTS. Viscount Hyashi, the Japanese Minister to England, is a man of high literary attainments, and has written a book in English, which is soon to be published in London, under the title, "For the People."

M. Witte, the Russian Minister of Finance, is an ardent temperance worker. He is a teetotaler, and induced the Czar to decorate the men and women who are temperance advocates.

Henrik Ibsen, the Norwegian author, loves to keep his hair in disorder. This is said to be his one vanity. He always carries a little toilet case containing a looking glass and a comb, which are attached to the lining of his gray hat.

The excavations which have been going on in Rome under the direction of Professor Altieri seem to prove beyond peradventure that an ancient Roman city occupied a part of the site of the present city long before the fabulous founding of Rome by Romulus.

Remarks About Richmond. Fredericksburg Free Lance: Friday was the thirty-eighth anniversary of the fall of Richmond. The Confederate forces left the city with sad hearts and tearful eyes.

Newport News Times-Herald: We do not believe that there is a man in Virginia who is not proud of Richmond, the beautiful capital within whose breast is locked a thousand memories dear to our people, and yet whose busy hands have built a city of metropolitan proportions.

There is no city in the State that does not look with pride upon the splendid thrift of her merchants and the enterprise of all her people. All that we consider of historic worth, learning, and beauty, are to be found in Richmond.

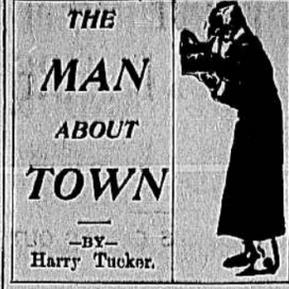
An Awful Bore. "That trolley car conductor is the biggest fool of a bore I know." "Not at all. He may be a bore, but he's no fool."

Why, you can't stand on the back platform a minute before he begins to talk you to death—"Whereupon you go inside where you belong and leave the platform clear. That's his game."—Philadelphia Press.

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THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

December—Dr. J. Munn gave us a five-hour mixture for our cold. May—The cold is no worse.

There is hope for us. Howard's Hall, "The Man Who Dared," at the Bijou, was once in the newspaper business.

He was a country correspondent, then a town reporter, and worked at the case setting type, and ran a press. He knew a good thing when he saw it, and picked out a few.

Our good Fulton friend, Jim Black, has returned from Boston, where he went last September. He only stayed a week or so, but he has just seen him and he is still talking about his trip.

Four men sat around the table in Doyle's back dining-room. Somebody had ordered wine while awaiting the oysters.

How will you have yours? "Gimme mine fried," he replied. "Well, I'll be dinged," said Mr. Riley, "How am I goner give him a fried drink?"

We have just received the following telegram from our old friend, Fred Niblo from Utica: "Four Cohans' new show, 'Running for Office,' opened to-night. Sensational success."

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