BEAR RAID SENDS PRICE LEVEL UP

Shakes Out Weaker Holdings So Effectually That Health of Market Is Improved.

MORE ABOUT IRON MERGER

Slump in Last Hour Followed by Sharp Rally, Carrying Closing Figures to the Top.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 23.—The bear party fell upon the stock market in the early dealings to-day and raided prices in all directions. The result was to shake out the weaker class of holdings so effectually that the health of the market seemed considerably improved, and there were substantial recoveries. There was a very notable revival of some of the rumors which have figured in the speculation for the advance when the check to the decline was effected to-day. On the recovery to-day the story was heard of a coming merger of Southern iron companies, although new auspices for the project were presented. The professional element amongst the operators seemed convinced by the events of the last few days that a considerable decline in prices was before the market still. This served to encourage the organization of the bear party and the elaborate scale of operations on which they proceeded. The extent to which the reaction had run at the low level of the morning induced caution on the part of the bears and prompted large covering of short lines. The manner in which the rally was extended also suggested that a considerable element amongst the professionals had turned to the long side of the market again on the assumption that the market was ripe for a further rally. The day's fluctuations were almost wholly due to such considerations as these, and news of actual conditions bearing on values played little part in the market. The time money market became easier, and the bid rates for short time loans were reduced again. Additional care in the scrutiny of collateral for loans is reported, and this outlook impressed the belief that stocks are not yet ready for any strong resumption of the upward movement, and as a consequence prices moved in an unsettled way, suddenly running off during the final hour in some cases to the lowest of the day, and then rallying strongly and closing firm at about the top level.

Bonds were irregular Total sales, par value, $3,735,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

The total sales of stocks for the day were 1,435,500 shares.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE—CLOSE: Money on call firm at 3@3 1-2 per cent.; closing bid, 3 1-4 per cent.; offered at 3 1-2 per cent.; time loans, easy; sixty days and ninety days, 3 1-4@3 1-2 per cent.; six months, 3 1-2 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 3 3-4@4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85.70@4.85.75 for demand and at $4.83.80 and $4.84.85 for sixty day bills; posted rates, $4.84 1-2@4.85 and $4.86 1-2@4.87; commercial bills, $4.83 1-2. Bar silver, 57 1-2; Mexican dollars, 44 3-4.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., March 23, 1905.

SALES.

Virginia Centuries—400 at 96¾; 2,000 at 96¾.
City Bank—8 at 32½.
Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. preferred—18 at 10½.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
North Carolina 4s, C., 1910	102½	...
North Carolina 6s, C., 1919	120	...
Va. 3s, New, C. and R., 1932	96	97
Va. Centuries, 2-3, C. and R., 1991	96¾	96⅞
CITY SECURITIES.		
Richmond City, 1938	107	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Atlanta and Char. 1st 7s, R., 1907	105	...
A. C. L. R. R. Con. Tr. 4 p. c.	101	...
A. C. L. Certificates of Ind. 4 p. c.	94	...
Georgia Pac 1st 6s, C., 1922	124	...
Ga., So and Fla. 1st 5s, 1945	115	...
Ga. and Ala. Con. 5s, 1945	112	...
N. and W. Ry. 4s, 1996	103	...
N. and W. Ry. Pocahontas 4s	97	...
Rich. and Meck. 1st 4s, 1948	93	...
Florida Southern, 1945	98	...
Western N. C. 1st 6s, C., 1914	115	...
S. A. L. Con. 1st 4s, 1950	90¾	91
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	165	...
Atlantic Coast Line "A"	100	140	...
Atlantic Coast Line pfd	100	122	...
Atlantic Coast Line com	100	140	...
Chesapeake and Ohio	100	56	...
Norfolk and Western com	100	84½	...
R. and P. and R., P. and P. Con.	70	...	120
Seaboard Air Line pfd	100	39	...
Seaboard Air Line com	100	19	...
BANK AND TRUST CO. STOCKS.		
Bank of Richmond	100	125	...
American National	100	125	...
Broad Street Bank	25	27½	...
City	25	32½	...
First National	100	230	...
Merchants National	100	275	...
National Bank of Virginia	100	129	...
Petersburg Savings and Ins	20	70	...
State Bank of Virginia	100	...	165
Union Bank of Richmond	50	170	...
Virginia Trust Co	100	...	95
INSURANCE COMPANIES.		
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	42	...
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd., 8 p. c.	100	107	108
Va.-Carolina Chemical com	100	33	34
Va.-Car. C. Co. Col. Tr. 5 p. c.	100	...	...

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 23.—Seaboard Air Line common, 18⅝ bid; do. preferred—Nothing doing.

COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The cotton market was quiet, but selling was checked by reports that interior holders were withdrawing spot offerings on the decline, and with a moderate demand for covering and from spot houses the market ruled generally steady with final prices showing a slight net gain.

The opening was steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 3 points in response to the cables, and following the call prices slipped off another 2 or 3 points on the active months under a continuation of the scattering liquidation and bear pressure noted during the previous day. At the decline spot houses were seen to be buying, and with private reports from mills South indicating greater firmness in the spot situation the market began to do better with yesterday's sellers covering and some demand for long account from scalping interests, who followed the lead of the big spot houses. Quotations gradually worked upward during the middle session, and at the close were within a point or two of the best, net 16@18 points higher. Sales were estimated at 150,000 bales.

Receipts at the ports to-day were 23,262 bales against 21,848 last week and 8,585 last year. For the week (estimated) 100,000 bales against 147,658 last week and 63,199 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans were 9,647 bales against 4,000 last year, and at Houston 5,263 bales against 1,398 last year.

Cotton futures opened steady and closed steady.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
March	7.61	7.61	7.52	7.59
April	...	...	...	7.63
May	7.66	7.73	7.63	7.71

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SALES:	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing. Bid.	Asked.
4700 A. C. L.	140	140⅞	139	140¾	141
87400 Amalgamated Copper	78	78½	77¼	78⅛	78¼
5700 Amer. Car and Foundry	37⅛	37⅝	36½	37½	37¾
1100 Amer. Tob., pfd.	95¾	96¼	95⅝	95¾	96¼
Amer. Snuff	...	...	...	165	175
Amer. Snuff, pfd.	...	...	...	95½	100
1000 Amer. Can	10½	10½	10⅜	10¼	10½
2000 Amer. Can, pfd.	64	64	63⅝	63¼	63¾
1600 Amer. Locomotive, com.	46½	47¼	45⅞	47⅛	48¼
400 Amer. Locomotive, pfd.	116¼	116	115½	116	115¼
10700 Amer. Sugar	140¼	141	139¼	141	141¼
22100 A., T. and S. Fe, com.	88¼	88⅞	87⅞	88¾	89
400 A., T. and S. Fe, pfd.	102⅛	102⅛	102	102⅛	103
16700 Baltimore and Ohio	108	108⅝	107⅝	108½	108⅝
15300 Brooklyn Rapid Transit	65¼	66	65	65⅞	66¼
Canada Southern	...	...	...	69¾	70
38700 Canadian Pacific	147¼	148½	146⅝	148¾	148½
34000 Chesapeake and Ohio	56¼	57⅝	55⅞	57	57¼
4400 Chi. Great Western	23⅛	23½	23⅛	23¼	23½
39900 Chi., Mil. and S. P.	179	180¼	179¼	180⅛	180¼
115400 Colo. Fuel and Iron	53¼	57¼	53¼	57	57¼
1100 Colo. Southern, com.	23	23⅞	22⅞	23½	24½
100 Colo. Southern, 1st pfd.	...	60	60	62½	63½
500 Colo. Southern, 2d pfd.	34¾	34¾	34	65	65⅛
900 Clev., Cin., Chi. and S. L.	107⅝	107⅞	107¼	107	108
Cons. Tob., 4 p. c. bonds	80	80	80	80	83
1800 Consolidated Gas	206	206	205	205½	206
900 Delaware and Hudson	190	190	187½	188½	190
Del., Lack. and Western	...	...	...	375	390
36200 Erie, com.	45¼	45¼	44¾	45¼	45¼
2500 Erie, 1st pfd.	79¾	80½	79⅝	79¾	80¼
2300 Erie, 2d pfd.	66¾	67	66⅝	67	67½
900 General Electric	185	185¼	184¾	185	186
1400 Illinois Central	159¾	160	159	159½	160
13200 Louisville and Nashville	140¼	140½	139¼	140¼	140½
6200 Manhattan	167¾	168¾	167½	167¾	168
11800 Metro. Street Railway	123¼	123⅝	123	123½	123¾
5500 Mexican Central	24⅛	24½	23⅞	24¼	24½
600 Mo., Kan. and Tex., com.	30½	31¼	30⅜	30⅝	31
700 Mo., Kan. and Tex., pfd.	65	65½	64¼	64½	65½
10400 Missouri Pacific	106	106½	105¾	106⅛	106⅜
Nash., Chat. and S. L.	...	...	...	140	145
62400 New York Central	159⅞	160⅝	158⅝	159⅝	159¾
5800 Norfolk and West.	84½	85	84¼	84⅞	85
12800 N. Y., Ont. and West.	68¼	68½	66¾	67⅞	68½
700 Pacific Mail	44½	44½	43¼	43¾	44¼
95500 Pennsylvania R. R.	141	141¾	140⅞	141⅝	141⅝
5700 People's Gas (Chicago)	109¾	110¾	109½	110½	110¾
3900 Pressed Steel Car	38¾	38½	37	38⅜	38½
100 Pressed Steel Car, pfd.	93	93	93	92	93
6800 Republic I. and S., com.	19¼	20⅜	19	20¼	20⅜
3500 Republic I. and S., pfd.	77¾	79	76½	78¼	79
84300 Reading, com.	93¼	94⅛	92½	93⅞	94
400 Reading, 1st pfd.	91⅞	92	91⅞	91	92
Reading, 2d pfd.	...	...	...	89⅞	90½
24200 Rock Island, com.	33⅜	33½	32½	33	33½
3100 Rock Island, pfd.	79⅝	79⅞	79¼	79¼	79⅝
200 Sloss	89	90	89	89	93½
Sloss, pfd.	...	...	...	109	120
S. L. and S. F., 2d pfd.	...	...	...	70¼	70½
500 S. L. and Southwest., pfd.	63¼	64	62¾	63⅞	64
45600 Southern Pacific	66¼	67	65⅝	66⅝	66¾
10900 Southern Railway, com.	34⅛	34⅜	33⅞	34⅜	34⅝
200 Southern Railway, pfd.	99¾	99¾	99¾	99¾	100
200 Seaboard Air Line, com.	18½	18½	18½	18¾	19
Seaboard Air Line, pfd.	...	...	...	38¾	39
10100 Tenn. Coal and Iron	89½	92	89	91¾	91⅞
5200 Texas Pacific	37¼	37¾	37	37¼	37½
232400 Union Pacific	128	128⅞	127	128½	128⅝
7900 United States Leather	12⅝	13	12¼	12	13
72700 United States Steel	34	34¾	33¾	34⅝	34¾
37200 United States Steel, pfd.	94	94¾	93½	94¾	94⅞
900 Va.-Car. Chemical, com.	33⅝	34	33	34¼	34⅝
200 Va.-Car. Chemical, pfd.	108⅝	108⅝	108⅝	106½	109
2100 Wabash, com.	22¼	22⅝	22	22⅛	22¼
2100 Wabash, pfd.	45	45¼	44½	45¼	45⅛
500 Western Union	92⅜	92¾	92½	92½	93
900 Wisconsin Central	23	23	22½	22½	22¾
300 Wisconsin Central, pfd.	51	51	50⅞	50⅞	51

Totals sales 1,442,400 shares.

CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS.

U. S. refunding 2s, registered	104¾	C., C., C. and St. Louis gen. 4s (offered)	102⅞
U. S. refunding 2s, coupon	105¼	Chicago Terminal 4s	97
U. S. 3s, registered	104½	Colorado Midland 4s (offered)	76½
U. S. 3s, coupon	104¾	Colorado and Southern 4s	93¾
U. S. New 4s, registered	132¾	Cuba 5s, certificates	105½
U. S. New 4s, coupon	132¾	Denver and Rio Grande 4s (offered)	102
U. S. Old 4s, registered	104⅝	Distillers' Securities 5s	80¾
U. S. Old 4s, coupon	105⅝	Erie prior lien 4s	102
American Tobacco 4s, certificates	74⅝	Erie general 4s	93¼
American Tobacco 6s, certificates	117¾	Fort Worth and Denver City 1sts	110¾
Atchison general 4s	104½	Hocking Valley 4½s (bid)	110½
Atchison adjustment 4s	96½	Japan 6s, certificates	102
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	101½	Louisville and Nashville United 4s (bid)	103½
Baltimore and Ohio 4s	105	Manhattan consol gold 4s (bid)	106½
Baltimore and Ohio 3½s	96	Mexican Central 4s	74½
Central of Georgia 5s	115	Mexican Central 1st Inc.	24½
Central of Georgia 1st Inc.	93	Minn. and St. Louis 4s (offered)	96½
Central of Georgia 2d Inc.	71	Missouri, Kansas and Texas 4s (bid)	101
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½s	103¼	Missouri, Kansas and Texas 2ds	85¼
Chicago and Alton 3½s	82¼	National R. R. of Mexico con. 4s	83
Chicago, B. and Quincy new 4s	99⅛	New York Central gen. 3½s (bid)	100
Chicago, R. I. and Pacific R. R. 4s	81⅛	New Jersey Central gen. 5s (bid)	123¼
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. R. R. col. 5s	92½	Northern Pacific 4s	106
Northern Pacific 3s	76⅞		
Norfolk and Western con. 4s	103⅝		
Oregon Short Line refunding 4s	97¼		
Pennsylvania conv. 3½s	104¾		
Reading General 4s	102⅛		
St. Louis and Iron Mountain con. 5s	118¾		
St. Louis and San Francisco fg. 4s	90½		
St. Louis Southwestern con. 4s	82⅞		
Seaboard Air Line 4s (bid)	90		
Southern Pacific 4s	95¾		
Southern Railway 5s	119½		
Texas and Pacific 1sts (offered)	123		
Toledo, St. L. and Western 4s	55¾		
Union Pacific 4s (bid)	106		
Union Pacific conv. 4s	129		
U. S. Steel 2d 5s	94¼		
Wabash 1sts	118¼		
Wabash Deb. 5s	73¼		
Western Md. 4s	93		
Wheeling and Lake Erie 4s	92		
Wisconsin Central 4s	94		
M. and O. Collateral Trust 4s	96½		
Central of Georgia 3d Inc.	64		

June	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.62	
July	7.66	7.66	7.53	7.53	
August	7.61	7.68	7.58	7.66	
September	7.63	7.67	7.63	7.68	
October	7.66	7.73	7.63	7.71	
November	...	...	...	7.74	
December	7.72	7.72	7.71	7.77	
January	7.74	7.74	7.74	7.81	

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands, 8.15; middling uplands, 8.40; sales, 513 bales.

Cotton, quiet; middling, 8.15; gross receipts, 1,715 bales; sales, 512 bales; stock, 68,889 bales; export to Great Britain, 3,983 bales.

Total to-day at all ports—Net receipts 23,262 bales; export to Great Britain, 11,609 bales; to the Continent, 17,150 bales; stock, 634,100 bales.

Consolidated at all ports—Net receipts, 145,546 bales; export to Great Britain, 49,156 bales; to France, 7,290 bales; to the Continent, 47,247 bales; to Japan, 6,131 bales; to Mexico, 650 bales.

Total since September 1st at all ports—Net receipts, 7,808,402 bales; export to Great Britain, 2,818,251 bales; to France, 629,166 bales; to the Continent, 2,440,125 bales; to Japan, 160,829 bales; to Mexico, 26,139 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 23.—COTTON—Spot cotton steady, demand good at full board figures. Sales 5,500 bales, including 1,100 to arrive. Quotations unchanged.

Futures were dull and lower, opening 1@6 points down. By the middle of the session March was 6 points higher at 7.56, May and July each 5 points up, showing a steady gain from the opening with slight fluctuations. Liverpool cables said that peace rumors gave that market a better tone near the close. Estimated receipts for to-morrow: New Orleans, 8,500 bales against 1,675 last year; Houston, 4,500 bales against 1,007 last year, and Galveston, 8,000 bales against 2,662 last year. In the trading May opened at 7.38, declined to 7.36, advanced to 7.50 and finally declined to 7.48. The market closed steady with net gains of 6@11 points.

Cotton futures steady. March, 7.52 bid; April, 7.49@7.51; May, 7.48@7.49; June, 7.50@7.51; July, 7.52@7.53; August, 7.55@7.57; September, 7.57@7.59; October, 7.61@7.62; November, 7.63@7.65; December, 7.66@7.68.

RICHMOND PRODUCE MARKET.

(Corrected daily. Unless otherwise stated these quotations are wholesale prices:)

LIVE POULTRY—Winter chickens, per pound, 15@20c.; broilers, per pound, 25@30c.; hens, per pound, 13@14c.; ducks, per pound, 13@14c.; turkeys, hens, per pound, 17@18c.; turkeys, gobblers, per pound, 14@15c.; geese, per head, 50@75c.; guineas, per head, 50c.

BUTTER—Choice dairy packed, per pound, 20@21c.; choice family packed, per pound, 20@22c.; store packed, yellow, extra, per pound, 15@16c.; store packed, fresh, mixed, per pound, 15@16c.; roll, choice, yellow, per pound, 18@20c.; roll, mixed, per pound, 14@15c.; common grades, per pound, 12@13c.

EGGS—In crates, fresh, nearby, dozen, 15c.; in crates, fresh, per dozen, 15c.; in barrels, fresh, per dozen, 15c.

MISCELLANEOUS—Dried peaches, N. C., fancy, per pound, 13@14c.; peaches, Virginia, fancy, per pound, 12@13c.; peaches unpeeled, per pound, 4@6c.; apples, fancy, sliced, per pound, 4@4½c.; apples, evaporated, per pound, 4@5c. Peas—Blackeye, No. 1 per bushel, $1.50@1.60; blackeye, No. 2 per bushel, $1.40; black, per bushel, $1.40; clay, per bushel, $1.10@$1.20. Beans—Handpicked, per bushel, $1.65@1.65; white, mixed, per bushel, $1.50; colored, per bushel, $1.25@1.40.

LIVE STOCK—Veals, choice, per pound, 7c.; veals, thin, per pound, 5@6½c.; runners, per pound, 4@5c.; hogs, choice, per pound, 4¾@5c.; lambs, choice, per pound, 4@5½c.; sheep, choice, per pound, 3@3½c.; beef cattle, common to prime, 2½@4c.; bulls, per pound, 2½@3c.

FLOUR—Winter superior, $4@4.25; winter extra, $4.50@4.75; winter clears, $5.50@5.75; winter straights, $5.75@6.90; winter patent, $6.20@6.40. Buckwheat, per pound, 2½@3c. Cornmeal, city sacked, 70@72½c.; country bolted, sacked, 62½@65c. Millfeed—Shipstuff, per ton, $21.50@22.00; bran, $19.50@21.00.

Other Produce Markets.

NEW YORK, March 23.—FLOUR—Dull and partially lower. Minnesota patents, $5.75@6.20; Minnesota bakers, $4@4.50. Rye Flour—Quiet. Buckwheat Flour—Inactive. Cornmeal—Barely steady. Rye—Nominal. Barley—Dull.

Wheat—Easy; No. 2 red, $1.16⅝ afloat. Options closed ⅝@1⅝c. net lower. May closed at $1.11⅝; July, 96⅝c.; September, 88c.

Corn—Barely steady; No. 2, 57½c. elevator. Options unchanged. May closed at 54½c.; July, 54c. Oats—Easy; mixed, 36@36½c.

Beef—Steady. Cut Meats—Quiet. Lard—Easy; Western steamed, $7.30; refined, barely steady; compound, 4⅞@5¼c. Pork—Steady. Tallow—Quiet. Rosin—Steady. Turpentine—Steady at 57@57½c.

Coffee—Spot Rio, quiet; mild, steady. Futures closed steady, 10 points advance. Sugar—Raw, nominal; fair refining, 4⅜c.; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 27-32c.; molasses sugar, 4c., refined, dull. Rice—Steady. Molasses—Steady.

Potatoes—Weak; Long Island, $1.50@2.00. State and Western, $1@1.15; Jersey sweets, per cloth-top barrel, $3@3.50. Peanuts—Firm; fancy handpicked, 5¼@5¾c.; other domestic, 3¾@5½c. Cabbages—Steady; Florida, per barrel crate, $1.50@2.00. Cotton—By steam to Liverpool, 10@14c.

Butter—Very firm; creamery, 20@23c. Cheese and Eggs—Firm and unchanged.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 23.—Weakness prevailed in the wheat market here to-day as a result of continued excellent weather for crops. At the close wheat for May delivery was off 1⅜c. July wheat is down ⅞@1c. Corn, oats and provisions are almost unchanged.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
May	$1.13⅞	1.13⅞	1.12	1.12⅞
July	91¼	91¼	90¼	90⅝
Sept.	85⅛	85⅛	84⅝	84⅞
CORN—No. 2.				
May	48¼	48¾	47⅞	48⅝
July	48⅝	48⅝	48⅛	48⅜
Sept.	48½	48⅞	48⅝	48⅞
OATS—No. 2.				
May	30⅝	30⅞	30½	30¾
July	30⅜	31⅛	30⅛	31⅛
Sept.	29⅛	29⅜	29	29⅜
MESS PORK—Per bbl.				
May	12.72½	12.80	12.72½	12.77½
July	12.87½	12.92½	12.85	12.92½
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
May	7.07½	7.10	7.05	7.10
July	7.22½	7.22½	7.20	7.22½
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
May	6.87½	6.90	6.85	6.90
July	7.07½	7.07½	7.05	7.07½

Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR—Easy. No. 2 spring wheat, $1.08@1.13; No. 3, $1.02@1.12; No. 2 red, $1.13@1.15⅞. No. 2 corn, 47½c.; No. 2 yellow, 45c. No. 2 oats, 30½c.; No. 2 white, 33¼@33½c.; No. 3 white, 30¼@32c. No. 2 rye, 78@78½c. Good feeding barley, 38@40c.; fair to choice malting, 43@47c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.35; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.25; No. 1 northwestern, $1.37. Mess pork, per barrel, $12.70@12.75; lard, per 100 pounds, $6.97½@7.00; short rib sides (loose), $6.75@7.00; short clear sides (boxed), $7@7.12½. Whiskey, basis of high wines, $1.23. Clover, contract grade, $12.35.

Butter—Firm; creameries, 20@27c.; dairies, 18@22c. Cheese—Steady to firm at 12@12½c. Eggs—Steady at mark, cases included, 16c.; firsts, 16c.; prime firsts 17c.; extras, 18c.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 23.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged. Wheat—Unsettled and lower; spot, contract, $1.09½@1.09¾; the month, $1.09½@1.09¾; southern by sample, 90c.@$1.06. Corn—Quiet and easy; spot and the month, 52@52⅛c.; southern white corn, 49@52c. Oats—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 36½@36¾c. Rye—Firm; No. 2 Western, 88c. Butter—Strong; fancy imitation, 23@24c.; do. creamery, 28@29c. Eggs—Firm at 17c. Cheese—Firm and unchanged. Sugar—Strong and unchanged.

CATTLE MARKETS.

RICHMOND LIVE STOCK MARKET.

(Sales at Union Stock Yards.)

Richmond, Va., March 23, 1905.

There was a fair run of cattle on the market; price steady. Best steers, 5@5¼c.; a few extra higher; medium to good, 4¼@4¾c.; common to fair, 3¾@4¼c.; heifers, 3½@4¼c.; cows, 2¼@4c.; bulls, 2½@4c.

Fair run of hogs. Best hogs, 5@5½c.; roughs, 4@4¾c.

Very few sheep and lambs on market. Best sheep, 5@6c.; bucks, 4@4½c.; lambs, 6@7c.; veal calves, 5@6½c.; extra, 7c.; fresh cows, $25@45.00 per head.

Prospects fair for all kinds of stock.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 7,000 head. Market strong to higher. Good to prime steers, $5.15@6.25; poor to medium, $3@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.60@4.75; cows, $2.80@4.90; heifers, $3@5.00; canners, $1.60@2.40; bulls, $2.50@4.00; calves, $5@7.00. Hogs—Receipts, 30,000 head. arket 5@10c. lower. Mixed and butchers, $5.15@5.35; good to choice, heavy, $5.25@5.37½; rough, heavy, $5.15@5.25; light, $5.10@5.25; bulk of sales, $5.10@5.10. Sheep—Receipts 14,000 head. Sheep and Lambs—Steady. Good to choice wethers, $5.75@6.30; fair to choice mixed, $4.80@5.40; Western sheep, $5@5.30; native lambs, $5.50@7.65; Western lambs, $5.40@7.65.

NEW YORK, March 23.—BEEVES—Receipts, 46 head. No trading to-day. Market nominally steady. Calves—Receipts, 390 head. Veals steady. Common to prime veals, $5@9.00; culls, $4.00. Dressed calves steady. City dressed veals, 9@13½c. per pound; country dressed, 7½@12c. per pound. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,410 head. Market quiet, but about steady. Western wethers, $6.40; Western lambs, $4.80. Hogs—Receipts, 4,531 head; feeling steady. Prime State hogs quotable at $5.90@6.00.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

PEANUT MARKET.

PETERSBURG, VA., March 23.—PEANUTS—Spanish—Market firm at $1.02½@1.06. Virginias—Market stronger at 3¼@4c. for fancy stock; machine picked, 2½@3¾c.; shelling stock, 2@2¾c.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The dry goods market is indifferently active and yet sellers show no disposition to weaken regarding prices. They assert that the sold-up condition of so many lines makes it unwarrantable for the buyer to expect any concessions. The attitude of the latter continues one of conservatism, though buying is apt to show slight increase of limits in certain directions.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 23.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing; receipts, 9 casks. Rosin—Nothing doing; receipts, 80 barrels. Tar—Firm at $1.70; receipts, 22 barrels. Crude Turpentine—Firm at $2.50@2.70; receipts, 29 barrels.

SAVANNAH, GA., March 23.—TURPENTINE—Firm at 53½c.; receipts, 527 casks; sales, 12 casks; shipments, 325 barrels. Rosin—Firm; receipts, 75 barrels; sales, 652 barrels; shipments, 1,972 barrels.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 23.—TURPENTINE AND ROSIN—Nothing doing.

COTTONSEED OIL MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Cottonseed oil about steady with a moderate business. Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 19½c.; prime summer yellow, 20@20¼c.; off summer yellow, nominal; prime white, 23¼@23c.; prime winter yellow, 29½@30c.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

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ARRIVED.

Steamer Benefit, New Orleans.
Steamer Gradac, New Orleans.
Steamer Straits of Menia, New Orleans.
Schooner Lewis H. Goward, Boston.
Schooner J. French Potter, Boston.
Barge Nearchus, Providence.
Barge Landeer, Providence.

SAILED.

Schooner Malcolm Baxter, Boston.
Barge George E. Wolcott, Portsmouth.
Schooner D. Howard Spear, Savannah.
Steamer Wascamaw, Portland.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: John A. Coke and wife and Mary A. Morris to James H. Downman, 38 feet on south line of Hanover Street, 133 7-12 feet east of Park Street, $2,000.

Richard J. Slaughter and wife to J. A. Keck, 80 5-12 feet on east line of Madison Street, 157 5-6 feet north of Marshall Street, subject to deed of trust for $2,656.25, $3,100.

Trustees of Congregation Beth Ahabah to trustees of Sir Moses Montefiore Congregation, 81 feet on east line of Eleventh Street, 40 1-3 feet north of Marshall Street, known as the old Beth Ahabah Synagogue, $10,000.

Henrico: P. H. Bruner and wife to W. R. Francis, trustee, 47 1-3 acres about 12 miles west of city of Richmond, $1,000.

J. R. Jones and wife to Everett Waddey, lot No. 17 in square 41 and lot No. 7 in square 16, plan of Highland Park, $50.

Richmonders in New York.

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NEW YORK, March 23.—Vendome, H. Marks; Marlborough, J. F. Wilson; Astor, J. I. Warren, W. L. Smith; Fifth Avenue, W. A. Hamond; Park Avenue, W. R. Bowie; Imperial, T. Adkins; Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, Miss J. Osborn; York, E. B. Ullman; Cadillac, S. Bowman and wife.

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This Friday, Mar. 24, 1905,

at 10:30 o'clock A. M., either as a whole or, if not in lots to suit purchasers, the stock of Millinery in said store, consisting of Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, Feathers, Flowers, Braids, Chiffons and other goods usually carried in a millinery stock; also the following fixtures: Four High Wall Cases, silver mounted; 4 Low Cases, silver mounted; 2 Long Table Counters, 1 Extension Table, 1 Outside Case, 1 Round Show-Room Case, 4 High Oak Cases, 1 Pier Mirror, 1 Large Mirror, 1 Desk; also Small Tables, Chairs, Small Mirrors and Partitions. All the above goods and fixtures are in perfect condition.

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