SMALL OFFERINGS FORCE LIST DOWN

No Attempt to Sustain Prices at Any Stage of the Selling.

FEEBLE RALLY, THEN DECLINE

News of General Conditions Continues Highly Encouraging. Bonds Heavy.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 19.—The sprinkling of liquidation which came upon the stock market to-day served to lift the trading out of the lifeless condition into which it had sunk last week. The most impressive fact about the market was the easy way in which prices yielded under offerings that were comparatively insignificant in volume. No attempt was apparent to sustain prices at any stage of the selling, and professional operators interested in having the values maintained, were led to the discouraging conclusion that the market was without organization or protection. There was no important development to explain the disposition to sell beyond the cumulative effect of the stagnant demand which became more and more marked during the progress of last week. News of general conditions continued highly encouraging and authorities in different trades protest with a degree of emphasis that prospects can con tinue brilliant for sustained prosperity. The disposition of the spokesman of the soft coal operators was taken as indicating dissatisfaction with the policy of concessions to the miners, and as increasing the danger of a rupture of relations and a strike. A rather feeble rallying tendency in the last hour of the market gave way to renewed decline and the market closed weak at the lowest. Reports of an important mercantile failure in Russia intensified the late weakness.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales, par value, $1,925,000. United States new 4s advanced 1-4 per cent. on call.

Total sales of stocks were 768,400 shares.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE: CLOSE—Money on call, firm; highest, 5 1-2 per cent.; lowest, 4; ruling rate, 5@5 1-4; last loan, 4; closing bid, 4; offered at 4 1-2.

Time loans, steady; sixty days and ninety days, 5 1-4 per cent.; six months, 5@5 1-4.

Prime mercantile paper, 5@5 1-2; sterling exchange, easy; closing firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85.65@4.85.75 for demand and at $4.82.60@4.82.65 for sixty-days bills. Posted rates, $4.83 1-2 and $4.86 1-2@4.87. Commercial bills, $4.82 1-8@4.82 1-4. Bar silver 65 cents. Mexican dollars, 50 cents.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., March 19, 1906.

SALES AT BOARD.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. preferred—4 at 11¾.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid	Asked.
North Carolina 4s, C., 1910	102	...
Va. 3s, Old, C. and R., 1932	95	95½
Va. Centuries, 2-3, C. and R., 1991	95¾	95⅞
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Atlanta and Char. 1st 7s, R., 1907	102	...
A. C. L. R. R. Gen. 5s, P. & p. c.	99	...
A. C. L. Certificates of Ind. 4 p. c.	93	...
Georgia, Pac. 1st 6s, C., 1922	120	...
Georgia, So. and Fla., 1945	113	...
Georgia and Ala. Con. 5s, 1945	110	...
Nor. and Western Ry. 4s, 1996	101	...
N. and W. Pocahontas 4s, 1944	92	...
Western N. C. 1st 6s, C., 1914	112	...
Seaboard Air Line 4s, 1950	90	...
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	167
Atlantic Coast Line "A"	100	155
Atlantic Coast Line pfd	100	125
Atlantic Coast Line com	100	165
Chesapeake and Ohio, November	100	57
BANK AND TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.		
American National	100	126½
Broad Street	25	29
City	25	34
First National	100	260
Merchants National	100	175
National Bank of Virginia	100	125
Petersburg Savings and Ins. Co.	50	90
Bank of Richmond	100	129
INSURANCE COMPANIES.		
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	45
Virginia State	25	30
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Old Dominion S. S. Co.	100	130
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd., $ p. c.	100	115
Va.-Carolina Chemical com	100	50
Va.-Car. C. Co. Col. Tr. 5 p. c.	102½	103

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 19.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 30; do., preferred—Nothing doing.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The cotton market was moderately active and somewhat irregular, but prices were above the closing figures of Saturday during the entire session, and the market at times showed considerable firmness. The close was 7@15 points net higher. Sales were estimated at 30,000 bales. The opening was firm at an advance of 6@11 points on higher cables than expected and a renewal of wet weather in the South, which, following so closely the rains of last week, was expected to cause a further check in crop preparations at a time when it is desirable to push the work rapidly forward. At first there seemed little support, and the market sagged off a few points under selling by local bears and buyers of last week, but toward mid-day it firmed up again on a bullish circular issued by a prominent former bear leader advising spinners and others having use for cotton during the next three months to buy while the opportunity presented, and in the early afternoon May sold up to 10.78 and July 10.90, or about 19 points net higher. Some private wires from New Orleans reported a good spot demand, but important interests were said to be selling futures in that market and toward the close here the list eased off under realizing by early buyers who were somewhat disappointed that the bullish circular referred to was not followed by a broadening of demand. The close was barely steady in tone.

Receipts of cotton at the ports to-day were 14,263 bales against 15,579 last week and 42,830 last year. For the week (estimated) 85,000 bales against 117,115 last week and 175,452 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans 4,882 bales against 9,981 last year, and at Houston 2,436 bales against 4,656 last year.

Cotton futures opened firm and closed barely steady.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
March	10.53	10.60	10.52	10.58
April	...	...	...	10.62
May	10.70	10.78	10.68	10.74
June	...	...	...	10.76
July	10.82	10.90	10.78	10.83
August	10.76	10.81	10.78	10.79
September	10.40	10.44	10.36	10.40
October	10.27	10.33	10.26	10.29
November	...	...	...	10.31
December	10.32	10.37	10.30	10.33
January	...	...	...	10.37

Spot cotton closed quiet, 15 points higher; middling uplands, 11.40; middling gulf, 11.65; sales, 100 bales.

Cotton, quiet ;middling, 11.40; net receipts, 40 bales; gross, 2,399 bales; sales, 10 obales; stock, 168,654 bales.

Total to-day at all ports—Net receipts, 14,363 bales ;export to Great Britain, 23,463 bales; to France, 1,955 bales; to the Continent, 400 bales; stock, 737,004 bales.

Consolidated at all ports—Net receipts, 31,837 bales; export to Great Britain, 42,253 bales; to France, 3,959 bales; to the Continent, 11,054 bales.

Total since September 1st at all ports—Net receipts, 6,511,655 bales; export to Great Britain, 2,304,233 bales; to France, 536,431 bales; to the Continent, 1,832,439 bales; to Japan, 32,563 bales; to Mexico, 2,714 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, March 19.—COTTON—Spot cotton active; farmer and higher; sales 9,100 bales, including 700 to arrive and 350 f. o. b. Quotations advanced ¼c.; middling, 10⅝c.

Futures opened steady at an advance of 4@7 points, influenced by the bullish attitude displayed by both New York and Liverpool. Another bullish feature was the report that heavy rains had fallen over a large section of the cotton belt, causing damage to railroads and cotton lands. The market continued bullish during the early trading and prices were 17 points above Saturdays' finals. During the afternoon the market eased off, losing about half the mornings' advance. The closing was quiet, 7@9 points net higher.

Cotton futures closed: March, 10.70; April, 10.79; May, 10.85; June, 10.90; July, 11.00; August, 10.82; October, 10.22; December, 10.21.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 19.—FLOUR—Firm. Rye Flour—Steady. Cornmeal—Firm. Rye—Nominal. Barley—Dull.

Wheat—Steady ;No. 2 red, 82⅝c. elevator. Options ¼@¾c. net lower. May, 83⅝c.; July, 84½c.; September, 83c.

Corn—Firm; No. 2, 52½c. elevator. Options ¼@½c. net higher. May, 50⅝c.; July, 50¾c.; September, 50⅞c.; December, 49⅝c. Oats—Firm; mixed, 33@35½c.

Beef—Steady. Cut Meats—Firm. Lard—Firmer; western prime, $8.10@8.15; refined, strong; continent, $8.60; compound, 6 13-16@6 3/16. Pork—Firm; family, $17.50; short clear, $15.75@17.75; mess, $16.50@17.00. Tallow—Steady. Rosin—Firm at $4.12½. Turpentine—Firm at 71½@72c.

Rice—Steady. Molasses—Very steady. Coffee—Spot Rio, quiet; mild, steady. Futures dull at 5@10 points decline. Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3 1-16c.; centrifugal, 3 9-16c.; molasses sugar, 2¾c.; refined, steady.

Butter—Irregular; creamery, 16@27c.; State dairy, 15@25c. Cheese—Firm; State, small and large, colored and white, 11@14¼c. Eggs—Strong; selected, 21@22c.; Western, firsts, 16c.; Southerns, 14@15c.

Peanuts—Quiet ;fancy handpicked, 4¾@4¾c.; other domestic, 2@4¼c. Potatoes—Steady; Bermuda, new, per barrel, $5@8.50; do., second crop, $4@7.00; do., Southern, $1.50@3.00; Maine and other Eastern, per bag $1.75@2.00; State and Western $1.50@1.75; foreign, $1.50@1.75; Jersey sweets, per barrel, $1.50@3.00. Cabbages—Firm; Florida, per barrel crate, $2.50@3.00; Danish, per ton, $15@25.00. Cotton—By steam to Liverpool, 13. c.

Cottonseed Oil—Firmer and higher on speculative demand and with associated markets. Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 25@25¼c.; do., summer yellow, 32⅝@33c.; do., white, 34½@36c.; prime, winter yellow, 34½@35c.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Snow in the Southwest had a weakening effect to-day on the local wheat market, but a lively demand for the cash article held the May option comparatively steady. At the close the May delivery was unchanged from the final quotations of Saturday. Corn was up ¼@⅜c. Oats showed a gain of ½c. Provisions were 15@20c. higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
May	79⅛	79¾	78⅝	78⅞
July	75⅝	76⅝	75¾	76
Sept.	73¾	73¾	77½	77⅝
CORN—No. 2.				
May	44½	44¾	43⅝	44⅛
July	44 7	44⅝	41	44⅛
Sept.	44⅝	45⅛	44⅝	45
OATS—No. 2.				
May	30	30¼	29⅞	30¼
July	29¼	29¾	29	29¼
Sept.	28⅝	28⅝	28⅛	28½
MESS PORK—Per bbl.				
May	16.07½	1.620	16.05	16.20
July	16.02½	16.17½	16.00	16.15
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
May	8.00	8.17½	8.00	8.17½
July	8.10	8.30	8.10	8.30
Sept.	8.22½	8.40	8.22½	8.40
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
May	8.50	8.65	8.50	8.65
July	8.55½	8.67½	8.52½	8.65
Sept.	8.62½	8.75	8.82½	8.75

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Steady. No. 2 spring wheat, 79@81c.; No. 3, 73@79c.; No. 2 red, 82⅝@84c.; No. 2 corn, 45½c.; No. 2 yellow, 43c. No. 2 oats, 30½c.; No. 2 white, 30½@32c.; oN. 3 white, 29½@31½c. No. 2 rye, 60@61c. Good feeding barley, 37@38c.; fair to choice malting, 40@50c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.06; No. 1 northwestern, $1.12. Mess pork, per barrel ,$15@15.15; lard ,per 100 pounds, $8.12½; short ribs sides (loose), $8.50@8.60; short clear sides (boxed), $8.65@8.70. Whiskey, basis of high wines, $1.27. Clover, contract grade, $13.65. Butter—Steady; creameries, 16@26½c.; dairies, 15@23c. Cheese—Steady at 11¾@13½c. Eggs—Stead yat mark, cases included, 13½c.; firsts, 13½c.; prime firsts, 14½c.; extras, 16c.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 19.—FLOUR—Steady and unchanged. Wheat—Firmer; spot, contract, 83½@83¾c.; southern by sample, nothing doing. Corn—Strong; spot, 47⅝@47⅞c.; southern white corn, 46@46½c. Oats—Firmer; No. 2 mixed, 34½@34¾c. Rye—Dull; No. 2 western, 69@69c. Butter—Steady and unchanged; fancy imitation, 20@21c.; do. creamery, 29c.; do., ladle, 17@18c.; store packed, 14@15c. Eggs—Firm at 15c. Cheese—Firm and unchanged; large, September, 14¼c.; November, 14c.; medium, September, 14¼c.; November, 14c.; small, 14@14¼c. Sugar—Stead yand unchanged.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

Richmond, Va., March 19, 1906.

QUOTATIONS.

WHEAT—		
No. 2 red (car lots)	$ 87 @	$ 88
No. 3 red (car lots)	85 @	86
Steamer (car lots)	84 @	85
Rejected (car lots)	70 @	80
Va. bag lots	80 @	87
CORN—		
No. 3 white (car lots)	@	51½
No. 3white (car lots)	@	51
No. 2 mixed (car lots)	@	51
No. 3 mixed (car lots)	@	50½
Va. bag lots	51 @	52
Corn on the cob	48 @	50
OATS—		
No. 2 mixed (car lots)	@	35
No. 3 mixed (car lost)	@	34½
No. 2 white (car lots)	@	36½
No. 3 white (car lots)	@	35½
Winter seed	45 @	55
RYE—		
No. 2 ryé (car lots)	@	72
Va. bag lots	65 @	71

CATTLE MARKETS.

RICHMOND LIVE STOCK MARKET.

(Sales at Union Stock Yards.)

Richmond, Va., March 19, 1906.

Report of the live stock market for the week ending March 12th is as follows:

Best steers, 5@5½c.; a few prime at 5½c.; medium to good, 4¼@4¾c.; common to fair, 3½@4c.; best heifers, 4½@4¾c.; medium to good, 4@4½c.; common to fair, 3½@3¾c.; best cows, 3@4c.; medium to good, 3¼@3½c.; common to fair, 2@3c.; bulls, 2¾@3c.; best veal calves 6@7½c. ;common to fair, 4@5½c.; cows and calves, $25@50.00 per head; best sheep, 6@6½c.; common to fair, 4@5c.; best lambs, 7@7½c.; common to fair, 5½@6½c.; best hogs, 6½c. ;common to fair, 6@6½c.; sows and stags, 4@5½c.

Prospects good for all kinds of stock for next week's market.

CHICAGO, March 19.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,000 head. Market steady to 10c. lower. Common to prime steers, $3.85@6.40; cows, $3.60@4.10; calves, $7@7.50. Hogs—Receipts, 45,000 head. Market 5@10c. lower. Choice to prime, heavy, $6.35@6.42½; medium to good, heavy, $6.30@6.35. Sheep—Receipts, 35,000 head. Market for sheep steady. Lamb, $5@10c. lower; sheep, $4.25@6.25; lambs, $4.70@6.75.

NEW YORK, March 19.—BEEVES—Receipts, 3,724 head. Steers, $4.60@6.00; bulls, $3.25@4.10; few fancy, $1.70; cows, $2@4.25. Calves—Receipts, 2,789 head. Veals, $4@9.00; barnyard calves, $3@4.00. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 9,170 head. Sheep, $4@5.00; lambs, $6.50@7.60; culls, $5.50. Hogs—Receipts, 19,542 head. State hogs, $6.85@7.00.

PITTSBURG, PA., March 19.—CATLE—Supply fair. Market steady. Choice, $5.60@5.85; prime, $5.30@5.50. Hogs—Receipt slight; demand good. Prime, $6.65@6.80; mediums and heavy yorkers, $6.80@6.85; light yorkers, $6.75@6.80; pigs, $6.60@6.70; roughs, $5@5.75. Sheep—Supply light ;market strong. Prime wethers, $5.50@6.00; common, $3@4.00 ;lambs, $5@7.35; veal calves, $7.50@8.00.

CINCINNATI, O., March 19.—HOGS—Steady. Butchers and shippers ,$6.57@6.60; common, $5.25@6.40. Cattle—Steady. Fair to good shippers, $4.60@5.30; common, $2.25@3.25. Sheep, $3.50@5.75. Lambs—Easy at $4.50@7.35.

TOBACCO MARKETS.

Richmond, Va., March 19, 1906.

Tobacco—Sun-Cured.—Receipts continue moderate and market active at prices quoted. Brights—Receipts continue light and market active at quotations. Dark Fired and Stemming—Market about steady at unchanged quotations. Receipts liberal.

NOTE—Much of the tobacco arriving is in a damaged condition, and such tobacco sells low. Planters are cautioned to look after the order of their tobacco before sending it to market.

The quotations are as follows:

DARK FIRED TOBACCO—NEW.		
Lugs	$ 4.50 @	$ 6.00
Short leaf	6.00 @	8.00
Medium leaf	7.00 @	9.00
Long leaf	9.00 @	13.00
Wrappers and selection	10.00 @	15.00
STEMMING TOBACCO—NEW.		
Lugs	$ 4.00 @	$ 5.75
Short leaf	6.00 @	7.50
Medium leaf	8.00 @	9.00
Long leaf	9.00 @	10.00
Selections	10.00 @	12.00
BRIGHT TOBACCO—REORDERED.		
SMOKERS—Common	$ 7.00 @	$ 9.00
Medium	9.50 @	11.50
Fine	12.00 @	13.00
CUTTERS—Common	11.00 @	12.50
Medium	12.00 @	14.00
Fine	14.50 @	16.00
Fancy	17.00 @	20.00
FILLERS—Common	7.00 @	8.00
Medium	9.00 @	10.00
Good	10.50 @	11.50
Fine	13.00 @	14.00
WRAPPERS—Common	14.00 @	16.00
Medium	17.00 @	20.00
Good	25.00 @	30.00
Fine	32.50 @	37.50
Fancy	40.00 @	45.00
SUN-CURED TOBACCO—NEW.		
Lugs, common to good	$ 3.00 @	$ 6.00
Lugs, good to prime	6.00 @	7.50
Short leaf	7.00 @	9.00
Long leaf	8.50 @	11.00
Wrappers	12.00 @	50.00

Lynchburg Tobacco Market.

Lynchburg, Va., March 19, 1906.

Sales of loose tobacco on the Lynchburg market for the two weeks ending March 16, as reported by John L. Oglesby, of Lynch's Warehouse, was as follows:

Sold week ending March 9th, 529,200 pounds; sold week ending March 16th, 325,100 pounds; decrease for week ending March 16th, 204,100 pounds.

Sold from September 1, 1905, to March 16, 1906, 12,135,600 pounds; sold from September 1, 1904, to March 16, 1905, 9,865,300 pounds; increase for 1906, 2,170,200 pounds.

The receipts this week was quite light, which indicates that a large proportion of the crop has been sold. The quality of the offerings was fairly good, but much of it was a little off in condition because of mould. Prices on all grades were about as for the past few weeks.

The quotations are as follows:

Lugs, damaged	$ 4.00 @	$ 5.00
Lugs, medium	5.00 @	6.00
Lugs, good	6.00 @	7.00
Leaf, medium	7.00 @	8.00
Leaf, short	7.50 @	9.00
Leaf, good	9.00 @	11.00
Leaf, fine	12.50 @	15.00
Leaf, wrappers	16.00 @	25.00

Petersburg Tobacco Market.

(As Reported by Craddock-Jones, Virginia Warehouse.)

Petersburg, Va., March 19, 1906.

Offerings light the past week on account of unfavorable weather for handling. Market active at prices quoted.

The quotations are as follows:

Common lugs	$ 5.00 @	$ 6.00
Good lugs	6.50 @	8.00
Short leaf	6.50 @	9.00
Common shipping leaf	8.00 @	10.00
Fine shipping leaf	11.00 @	12.00
Short wrappers	10.00 @	15.00
Fine wrappers	16.00 @	25.00

Danville Tobacco Market.

(As Reported by Dibrell Brothers.)

Danville, Va., March 19, 1906.

Sales the past week have been rather small, considering the seasonable weather we have had for handling tobaccos. This would indicate that the proportion of the crop in the hands of the farmers is fully as small as has been estimated. There is little or no change in the quality of the offerings. The medium grades predominate, and there is the usual scarcity of common and fine tobaccos. Prices continue strong and the market is exceedingly active. All classes of buyers are out in full force and watching the sales closely. Trading in round lots continues very active, and there is a strong demand for all grades.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe and Co.)

PETERSBURG, VA., March 19.—PEANUTS—Spanish—Market firm at $1.05 per bushel. Virginias—Market quiet at 3c. for fancy stock; machine picked, 2@2¼c.; shelling stock at 1¾@2c.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The dry goods was quiet for the day, due in part to the storm insofar as first hands were concerned to the advance in cotton and the imminence of another government report. Representatives of Eastern mills held domestic goods very firm. The print cloth market was dull.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 19.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing; receipts, 13 casks. Rosin—Nothing doing; receipts, 246 barrels. Tar—Firm at $1.80; receipts 211 barrels. Crude Turpentine—Firm at $3.25@5.00; receipts, 42 barrels.

SAVANNAH, GA., March 19.—TURPENTNE—Firm at 69¼c.; sales, 89 casks; receipts, 44 casks; shipments, 463 casks. Rosin—Firm; sales, 1,174 barrels; receipts, 764 barrels; shipments ,92 obarrels; stock, 35,611 barrels.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 19.—TURPENTINE AND ROSIN—Nothing doing.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF RICHMOND, MARCH 19, 1906.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Berkeley, Shelly, Norfolk, mercandise and passengers. Old Dominion line.

Steamer Brandon, Harney, Norfolk, merchandise and passenger. Old Dominion line.

SAILED.

Steamer Brandon, Harney, Norfolk, merchandise and passenger. Old Dominion line.

Steame, Berkeley, Shelly, Norfolk, mercandise and passengers. Old Dominion line.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, James River landing and Norfolk, merchandise and passenger. Virginia Navigation Company.

Barge Mary S. Brady, Karcher, James River, light.

PORT OF WEST POINT, MARCH 19, 1906.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Baltimore, Short, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

SAILED.

Steamer Baltimore, Short, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

LEAF TOBACCO MARKET.

No Wagons Looked For To-day. Shipped Stock on Breaks.

There will be leaf tobacco auction sales at all the warehouses to-day, but the breaks will be made up of shipped tobaccos. None of the houses look for wagons from the sun-cured belt to brave the storm and the high-water and get to the city in time for to-day's breaks. However, there is enough shipped stock in the warehouses to keep the auctioneers and the buyers busy for a few hours.

The sales will be as follows: First at Shockoe, second at Crenshaw's, third at Shelburne's and fourth at Stonewall.

Build Steel Plant.

Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, March 19.—The Chattanooga Iron and Coal Company, recently incorporated in Tennessee, with $500,000 capital, has filed a mortgage with the Trust Company of America, of New York, trustee, to secure an issue of $600,000 bonds. The company intends to build a steel plant at Chattanooga, with a capacity of 200 tons of finished material per day and blast furnaces with a capacity of 200 tons per day.

Did Good Work.

Chief Puller is in receipt of a letter from Mr. J. Scott Parrish, of the Richmond Cedar Works, enclosing a check for $150, for the firemen's relief fund, in recognition of the splendid services rendered by the men on the occasion of the recent fire at the plant of the company.

Meeting Postponed.

The regular meeting of the City Fire Board, scheduled for last night, was postponed until next Monday night, owing to the death of a brother of one of the commissioners.

PRODUCE MARKET NOT VERY ACTIVE

Receipts Light, Demand Limited and But Few Changes Made In Quotations.

The weather was not favorable for rushing trade in the commission block on Cary Street yesterday; receipts were light and the demand for country produce was not heavy. However, some business was done between showers, and some changes in the market were noted.

The former quotations hold good in the main, but on some articles there were changes to be made in the figures. Poultry of all kinds is scarce, and chickens are higher, the receipts being light and not up to the demand. Winter chickens (live) have advanced two cents per pound, and sold readily yesterday at from 18 to 22 cents per pound. There are no spring chickens on the market worth speaking of. If there were they would sell anywhere from 28 to 33 cents per pound. Hens are steady at a cent up; that is to say, 14 cents per pound. There are but few ducks in the market, and they are wholesaling at 15 cents per pound. Dressed chickens, undrawn, are a cent up, selling at 17 to 18 cents per pound. Eggs are also a shade higher, the wholesale figures having moved up to 14 to 15 cents.

Vegetables are scarce, the Florida receipts dropping off, and South Carolina raised stock being not yet on the market. Florida cabbage are a shade higher, selling for $2.25 to $2.75 per barrel. Virginia potatoes are scarce and higher. Western and Northern are selling at former quotations. Black-eyed peas of the fancy kind are a little up, selling yesterday at $1.50 to $1.60 per bushel.

Fruits are scarce. Apples of the fancy variety sell readily at $6 to $7 per barrel, and those labelled choice are going for $5 to $6. Lower grades bring from $2.25 to $4.50. There are very few Florida oranges in the market, and California's are a shade higher, selling for $3.50 to $3.75 per box.

Other fruits and produce are unchanged.

COTTON.

NEW YORK, March 19.—In reply to numerous inquiries as to my opinion of the cotton market, received since my return to New York this morning, I would say that I see no reason to apprehend any immediate decline in the cotton market, but am rather disposed to look for advance.

As my friends know, I have not been an extremist with regard to the price of cotton during the present season. I have believed that the supply was sufficently large to prevent any famine, but moderate enough to make extremely low prices unnecessary.

My observations when in the South and my interviews with a great many people in that section convinced me that the tendency to sell the market short upon the theory that the acreage not yet planted was to be an enormous one has led to the creation of an unwarrantably large short interest at a time when supplies of actual cotton throughout the world were likely to be rapidly diminishing.

I think it quite unlikely that the final report of the Census Department tomorrow will show more than 10,600,000 bales of cotton ginned, exclusive of linters. Inclusive of linters the total ought to be somewhere in the neighborhood of 10,750,000. Such a supply, after allowing for the proportion of it marketed prior to the 1st of September, and included in last year's commercial crop, is not excessive, especially as spinners' takings are continuing on a scale somewhat larger than I had anticipated earlier in the season, when prices were two cents a pound higher. The prospect is that unless a very sharp advance in the market shall check trade-buying we shall go to the end of the summer with stocks of cotton throughout the world that will not be burdensome, and a standard of consumption will, moreover, have been established that will make a crop of anything under twelve million bales next year seem probably insufficient.

Under these circumstances I would advise spinners and any others likely to be in need of cotton within the next three or four months to take advantage of the present opportunity for securing that supply.

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Deposits January 22, 1904	123,378 49
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