RALLY IN PRICES EXPANDS MARKET

Demand Generally Ascribed to Operations by Bears to Cover.

DAY'S GAINS MAINTAINED

NEW YORK, December 27.—Prices of stocks had a comprehensive and substantial rally to-day and the volume of the market expanded considerably. The increased business was poorly distributed and was concentrated in the favorite stocks of the speculative element, indicating the professional source of much of the buying. The demand was generally ascribed to covering operations by the bear element, which has sold the market freely during the high money per cent. of the last few days. Some of the day's incidents offered positive factors towards a betterment of sentiment. One was the falling off in the premium on currency and the inference of a subsidence of the demand in the field. The figures of the week's currency movement offered corroboration for this inference. The day's gains in prices of stocks were nearly all maintained, in spite of a late rise in money rates. Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, $1,914,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales to-day 462,300 shares.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Money on call firm, 10@18 per cent.; ruling rate, 11; closing offered at 15 per cent.; time loans, quiet, but firm; sixty days, 12 to 15 per cent., and ninety days, 10 to 12; six months, 8. Close: Prime mercantile paper, 7 1-2@8 per cent. Sterling exchange, easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8455@$4.8460 for demand, and at $4.7900@$4.7910 for sixty days' bills. Commercial bills, $4.79; bar silver, 52 1-2. Mexican dollars, 49 1-2. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds steady.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., December 27, 1907.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked
Va 3s, Old, C. and R., 1932...	91½	...
Va. Centuries, 2-3, C. and R...	92	93
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. C. L. R. R. Con. Tr. 4 p. c..	86	...
Georgia Pacific 1st 6s, C. 1922.	106	...
Georgia, Sou. and Fla., 1945..	102	...
Ga. and Ala. Con. 5s, 1945..	99	...
Nor. and West. Ry. 4s, 1996..	92	...
Nor. and West. Ry. Poca 4s..	78	...
Pet. Class B 6s, R. C., 1926..	111	...
Western N. C. 1st 6s, C. 1914..	105	...
RAILROAD STOCKS. Par.		
Atlantic Coast Line com...100	65	...
Ches. and Ohio....Nov.....100	29½	...
Norfolk and West. com.....100	81½	...
BANK AND TRUST CO. STOCKS.		
Merchants National.....100	310	...
National Bank of Va.....100	112	...
National State Bank.....100	173½	...
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Amer. Locomotive pfd.....	86	...
Amer. Tob. 4 p. ct. bonds.....	60	...
Amer. Tob. 6 p. ct. bonds.	92	95
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd. 8 p. ct.100	86	...

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 27.—Seaboard Air Line, common and preferred—Nothing doing.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, December 27.—After an early decline the cotton market had a sharp rally, and the close was steady at a net advance of 10@15 points. Sales were estimated at 300,600 bales. The market opened steady at a decline of 7 points on December and of 2@7 points on later positions under liquidation and local bear pressure, the latter being inspired by easy cables, reports that 80 per cent. of the New England mills would curtail production by 25 per cent., talk of a bearish census report expected on January 9th and the liberal receipts. Trading was quiet at first, as usual following the Christmas holidays, but prices gradually eased off until the four active months were 11@15 points net lower. There seemed to be some apprehension that January notices would be heavy, but around 10.18 for that position the market was steadied by covering, and during the afternoon there was a sharp advance on buying by Wall Street houses and covering by some of the early sellers. The close was within a point or so of the best on active months. Business was more active in the afternoon, and there to be some fresh buying of long account on the theory that January liquidation had been practically completed in preparation for the first notice day next Monday. Local bulls estimate that the curtailment in Eastern mills will not amount to more than 10,000 to 12,000 bales per week. There was nothing in the weather news for over the holidays to attract special attention, and there was very little news from Southern spot markets, which were officially reported unchanged to ⅛c. lower. Receipts at the ports for the day were 74,498 bales against 80,170 last week and 67,330 last year. For the week 350,000 bales against 340,275 last week and 311,566 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans were 15,673 bales against 22,586 last year.

Cotton futures steady.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December.....	10.87	11.12	10.85	11.11
January.....	10.22	10.42	10.18	10.41
February.....	10.34	10.54	10.34	10.53
March.....	10.46	10.68	10.42	10.67
April.....	10.49	....	....	10.69
May.....	10.54	10.72	10.47	10.71
June.....	....	....	....	10.71
July.....	10.51	10.69	10.45	10.68
August.....	10.36	10.53	10.35	10.52

Spot cotton closed steady, 10 points higher; middling uplands, 11.80; middling gulf, 12.05; sales, 1,800 bales.

Cotton, steady; middling, 11.80; gross receipts, 783 bales; sales, 1,800 bales; stock, 142,270 bales.

Total to-day at all ports—Net receipts, 74,498 bales; export to Great Britain, 7,169 bales; to France, 1,500 bales; to the Continent, 2,924 bales; stock, 1,057,118 bales.

Consolidated at all ports—Net receipts, 317,682 bales; export to Great Britain, 97,305 bales; to France, 9,514 bales; to the Continent, 117,810 bales; to Japan, 7,403 bales.

Total since September 1st at all ports—Net receipts, 4,803,060 bales; export to Great Britain, 1,525,211 bales; to France, 427,529 bales; to the Continent, 1,539,728 bales; to Japan, 61,244 bales; to Mexico, 1,020 bales.

RICHMOND PRODUCE MARKET.

POULTRY—LIVE.

Turkeys, large and fat...	13	@	14
Chickens	13		
Ducks, large, young.....	11	@	12
Ducks, small, young.....	10		
Hens	10		
Roosters, per piece, live..	25	@	35
Guineas, per piece, live..	25		
Geese, per piece, live....	50	@	80
DRESSED POULTRY—UNDRAWN.			
Turkeys, choice.....	15	@	16
Turkeys, fair to good.....	13	@	14
Ducks, choice.....	13		
Ducks, fair to good.....	11	@	12
Chickens	11	@	13
Hens	11	@	12
Geese	8	@	10

Drawn poultry sells from 1½@2c. per lb more than undrawn. Undrawn preferred.

BUTTER.

Choice family packed.....	19	@	20
Choice dairy packed.....	19	@	20
Choice store packed.....	17	@	18
Medium store packed.....	15	@	16
Choice yellow rolls.....	19	@	20
Mixed rolls, lb.....	17	@	18
EGGS.			
Crates, nearby, fresh laid..	25		
Crates, other sections.....	23		
Barrels and boxes.....	22	@	24
Venison, whole deer, lb....	17		
Venison, saddles, lb.....	18		

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SALES:		Open.	High.	Low.	Bid. Closing.	Asked.
	Allis-Chalmers	...	...	...	5⅛	5⅞
100	Allis-Chalmers, pfd.....	17	17	17	16⅞	17
36,400	Amalgamated Copper ...	44⅞	47⅝	44⅝	47¼	47⅜
300	American Can	4	4	4	3⅞	4¼
	American Can, pfd.....	...	...	...	40	44
800	Amer. Car and Foundry.	29½	30½	29¼	30⅝	30¾
	Amer. Car and Foun., pfd	...	...	...	88¼	90
301	American Cotton Oil.....	28	28½	28	28	29
12,300	American Locomotive	35½	35¾	34	35	35½
400	Amer. Locomotive, pfd..	86½	86½	85½	86½	86¾
23,825	American Smelting	69	70¼	67¾	70	70⅛
11,000	American Sugar	97	100¼	96½	100¼	100½
	American Tobacco, com..	...	...	...	213	230
	American Tobacco, pfd...	...	...	...	68	72
1,210	Anaconda Copper	28	29⅜	28	29⅜	29½
8,700	Atchison	70	70½	68⅞	70½	70⅝
	Atchison, pfd.....	...	...	...	85	88½
310	Atlantic Coast Line.....	68	68	67½	67½	69
700	Baltimore and Ohio.....	80½	81½	80½	81⅛	81½
5,330	Brooklyn Rapid Transit.	38⅝	39½	37⅞	39¼	39⅜
300	Canadian Pacific	150	150	150	150	151
400	Chesapeake and Ohio.....	30⅝	30⅝	30⅛	30½	30¾
700	Chicago Great Western..	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞	8
61,900	Chi., Mil. and St. Paul....	101½	104⅝	101½	104½	104¾
300	Ch., M. and St. Paul, pfd.	133½	134	133½	134½	135½
200	Chicago and Northwest..	133½	136	133½	133½	136
100	Clev., Cin., Chi. and St. L	54	54	54	...	...
100	Colorado Fuel and Iron..	18¾	18¾	18¾	19	19¼
2,335	Colorado and Southern..	19¾	21¼	19⅝	20¾	21¼
780	Col. and South., 1st pfd..	47	50	47	49¾	50¼
425	Col. and South., 2d pfd...	38	40¼	38	40	41
200	Consolidated Gas	94½	95	94½	95⅜	95½
745	Delaware and Hudson...	145	146	145	145½	146
600	Distillers' Sec. Cor.....	28	28⅞	28	28⅞	30
400	Erie	16⅜	16½	16⅛	16½	16¾
400	Erie, 1st pfd.....	33½	34	33¼	33½	34
	Erie, 2d pfd.....	...	...	...	23	24¼
600	General Electric	109¼	112	109¼	110½	111½
15,375	Great Northern, pfd.....	114½	116½	113½	116	116¼
1,750	Great Northern Ore ctfs.	47	51½	47	51	51½
800	Illinois Central	122	123	122	121¾	123
100	Int. Metropolitan	8¼	8¼	8¼	7¼	8

SALES:		Open.	High.	Low.	Bid. Closing.	Asked.
900	Int. Metropolitan, pfd...	17½	17½	17⅛	17½	19
	International Paper	...	...	...	8	9
	Int. Paper, pfd.....	...	...	...	62½	63½
600	Louisville and Nashville	90½	92	90½	92	93
	Manhattan	...	...	...	115	120
100	Metro. Street Railway..	23	23	23	20	26
1,300	Mexican Central	14⅝	14½	14¼	14½	14⅝
200	Mo., Kan. and Texas.....	25	25	25	25¼	25½
200	Mo., Kan. and Tex., pfd.	65¾	56	55⅞	56¾	56⅞
7,650	Missouri Pacific	45	47	44⅛	46¾	46⅞
200	Nash., Chat. and St. L..	90	90½	90	98	100
900	National Lead	38¾	39½	38	38¾	39½
13,250	New York Central.....	89⅛	91⅛	89	91	91⅛
300	N. Y., Ont. and Western	32⅝	32⅞	32¾	31¼	32¾
300	Norfolk and Western...	62½	62½	62½	63	65
33,105	Northern Pacific	115	118¾	114⅞	118¼	118⅝
400	Pacific Mail	26½	28¾	26	25½	26
38,500	Pennsylvania	108⅝	110¾	108⅝	110⅝	110¾
	People's Gas	...	...	...	78½	79½
1,188	Pressed Steel Car.....	19¼	19¼	18¾	18¾	19¼
	Pressed Steel Car, pfd....	...	...	...	67	70
91,840	Reading	92¼	94½	91¾	94⅛	94¼
	Republic Iron and Steel	...	...	...	15¾	16¼
100	Republic I. and S., pfd..	65½	65½	65½	65¾	66¼
300	Rock Island	15	15⅛	15	15⅛	15¼
500	Rock Island, pfd.....	28	28¼	28	28	28½
200	Sloss-Sheffield	33¾	35	33¾	35½	37
11,400	Southern Pacific	72⅛	74	72⅛	73¾	73⅞
700	Southern Railway	12⅞	13	12½	12¾	13
900	Southern Railway, pfd.	36¼	36¼	35	36	38
	Ry. Steel Spring, pfd....	...	...	...	70	77
100	Texas Pacific	19½	19½	19½	19½	20
65,000	Union Pacific	116	118½	115⅝	118⅛	118¼
100	United States Rubber...	20¼	20¼	20¼	20	21
24,050	United States Steel.....	25⅝	26¾	25½	26¾	26½
6,400	United States Steel, pfd	86¾	87¾	86⅝	87⅞	87¾
100	Va.-Car. Chemical	15¾	15¾	15¾	15½	17
	Va.-Car. Chemical, pfd...	...	...	...	85	90
1,000	Wabash, pfd.....	10	10⅜	9⅞	9¾	10¼
100	Wabash, pfd.....	18	18	18	18	18¼
600	Western Union	55	56	54½	55	58

Total sales, 466,300 shares.

CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS.

U. S. refunding 2s, registered.....	105
U. S. refunding 2s, coupon.....	105½
U. S. 3s, registered.....	101½
U. S. 3s, coupon.....	101½
U. S. New 4s, registered.....	119
U. S. New 4s, coupon.....	119
American Tobacco 4s.....	59½
American Tobacco 6s.....	95
Atchison general 4s.....	95½
Atchison adjustment 4s (bid).....	81½
Atchison conv. 4s.....	91
Atchison conv. 4s.....	86
Atlantic Coast Line 4s.....	81¼
Baltimore and Ohio 4s.....	97
Baltimore and Ohio 3½s.....	90½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit conv. 4s.....	67
Central of Georgia 5s (bid).....	93½
Central of Georgia 1st inc. (bid).....	62
Central of Georgia 2nd inc. (bid).....	42
Central of Georgia 5d inc. (bid).....	30
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½s.....	94¾
Chicago and Alton 3½s (asked).....	64
Chicago, B. and Quincy new 4s.....	94
Chicago, R. I. and Pacific R. R. 4s....	81½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. R. R. col. 5s..	74
C., C., C. and St. L. gen. 4s (bid).....	92
Colorado Industrial 5s, series A (bid).	45
Colorado Midland 4s (bid).....	57
Colorado and Southern 4s.....	81
Cuba 5s.....	99¾
Denver and Rio Grande 4s (bid)...	90
Distillers' Securities 5s.....	65½
Erie prior lien 4s.....	84½
Erie General 4s (bid).....	72
Rocking Valley 4½s.....	98¼
Inter. Met. 4½s.....	57¼
Japan 4s (bid).....	78½
Japan 4½s, certificates.....	87¼
Japan 4½s, certificates, 2nd series...	86¾
Louis. and Nash. Unified 4s (bid)....	94½
Manhattan consol gold 4s (bid).....	91⅛
Mexican Central 4s (bid).....	74
Mexican Central 1st inc. (bid).....	14½
Minn. and St. Louis 4s (asked).....	82
Missouri, Kan. and Tex. 4s (bid).....	92
Missouri, Kansas and Texas 2nds....	80⅝
Nat'l R. R. of Mex. con. 4s (asked)..	77½
New York Central gen. 3½s.....	89¾
New Jersey Central gen. 5s.....	118
Northern Pacific 4s.....	100¼
Northern Pacific 3s.....	68
Norfolk and West. con. 4s (bid).....	92
Oregon Short Line rfdg. 4s (bid)...	84
Pennsylvania conv. 3½s.....	90¼
Reading General 4s.....	95¾
St. Louis and Iron Mountain con. 5s/.	103⅛
St. Louis and San Francisco fg. 4s..	74
St. Louis Southwestern con. 4s.....	60
Seaboard Air Line 4s (bid).....	65
Southern Pacific 4s.....	81½
Southern Pacific 1st 4s, certificates..	98
Southern Railway 5s.....	94½
Texas and Pacific 1sts (bid).....	106
Toledo, St. L. and Western 4s (bid)..	63½
Union Pacific 4s.....	100⅝
Union Pacific conv. 4s.....	85¼
United States Steel 2nd 5s.....	84¾
Wabash 1sts.....	104½
Wabash Deb. B (bid).....	44
Western Md. 4s.....	63
Wheeling and Lake Erie 4s.....	71
Wisconsin Central 4s.....	80

Wild turkeys, lb.....	15	
Partridges, large.....	18	
Partridges, damaged.....	8	
Pheasants, each.....	50 @	75
Pheasants, each.....	50 @	75
Rabbits, fancy, large.....	15 @	17
Squirrels, each.....	5	
APPLES—		
Pippins and Winesaps..	3.50 @	4.00
Fancy, per bbl.....	3.00 @	3.50
Choice, per bbl.....	2.00 @	2.50
Ieor to fair, bbl.....	1.50 @	2.00
ORANGES—Fla., fancy..	2.50 @	2.75
GRAPEFRUIT—Box	3.00 @	4.00
LEMONS—Per box.....	3.00 @	4.00
BLACK PEAS.....	1.40 @	1.50
BLACKEYE PEAS—		
No. 1 per bus.....	1.85 @	2.00
No. 2 per bus.....	1.65 @	1.75
CLAY PEAS—Bus.....	1.30 @	1.40
MIXED PEAS.....	1.25 @	1.35
BEANS—		
Navy, No. 1 white.....	2.00 @	2.25
Common to choice.....	1.75 @	2.00
Mixed, per bus.....	1.65 @	1.75
Colored	1.65 @	1.75
POTATOES—Choice, bus..	61 @	63
ONIONS—Yellow, bus....	60 @	70
CABBAGE—Danish	10.00 @	12.00
CELERY—Fancy, large...	60 @	65
Choice, per bunch.....	40 @	50
WALNUTS—Per bus.....	60	
WALNUT KERNELS—Lb.	8 @	10

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 27.—FLOUR—Steady, but dull. Rye Flour and Buckwheat Flour—Steady. Cornmeal—Firm. Rye—Dull. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red, $1.06¾ elevator. Options ¼@1c. net decline. December, $1.07¾; May, $1.12¾; July, $105⅞. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 73c. elevator. Options ¼c. net higher. December, 73¼c.; May, 67⅝c. Oats—Spot easy; mixed, 54c. Beef and Cut Meats—Steady. Lard—Barely steady. Pork—Easy. Tallow and Petroleum—Steady. Rosin—Quiet; strained, common to good, $3.25. Turpentine—Quiet. Rice—Quiet. Molasses—Steady. Sugar—Raw, quiet; fair refining, $3.30@3.35; centrifugal, 96 test, $3.85; molasses sugar, $3@3.05; refined, quiet. Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio, No. 7, 8 1-16c.; Santos, No. 4, 8c.; mild, quiet; Cordova, 9½@13c. Futures not unchanged to 10 points lower. Butter—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 6,996 kegs. Cheese—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 2,243 boxes. Eggs—Weak; receipts, 1,715 crates. Good to choice, 28@32c.; brown and mixed, fancy, 28@30c.; special extras, firsts, 25@25½c.; Western, firsts, 24@24½c.; seconds, 22@23½c. Freights and Peanuts—Steady and unchanged. Potatoes—Irish, easy; State and Western, per sack, $1.80@2.10; sweets, firm and unchanged. Cabbages—Easy; domestic, $6@7 per ton. Cottonseed Oil—Easy under freer offerings and local bear pressure. Prime crude, 29c.; prime summer yellow, 36½@37c.; off summer yellow, 36¼@36½c.; good off summer yellow, 34½@35c.; prime white, 36½@42¼c.; prime winter yellow, 48@50c.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, December 27.—Favorable conditions for harvesting in Argentina caused a decline of more than 1c. in the price of wheat here to-day. At the close wheat for May delivery was 1c. below the final quotations yesterday. Corn and oats were each unchanged. Provisions were a shade higher to 2½c. lower.

The leading quotations ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Dec.	98⅝	99⅝	98⅝	98¾
May	1.06½	1.07	1.06⅞	1.06⅞
July	98⅝	99⅞	98¼	98⅝
CORN—				
Dec.	58	58¾	57⅞	58¾
May	58⅝	58¾	58⅝	58½
July	57½	57¾	57⅝	57¾
OATS—				
May (old).....	53⅝	53⅞	53¼	53½
July (old).....	47¾	47¾	47¾	47¾
MESS PORK—Per bbl.				
Jan.	12.42½	12.42½	12.42½	12.42½
May	13.15	13.20	13.05	13.05
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
Jan.	7.67½	7.72½	7.62½	7.65
May	7.82½	7.85	7.80	7.80
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
Jan.	6.70	6.70	6.62½	6.65
May	7.05	7.12½	7.02½	7.02½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Firm. No. 2 spring wheat, $1.07@1.09½; No. 3, 90c@1.05; No. 2 red, 98¾@99¾c. No. 2 corn, 58½@59c.; No. 2 yellow, 62@62½c. No. 2 oats, 49c.; No. 2 white, 50c.; No. 3 white, 47@49½c. No. 2 rye, 78c. Fair to choice malting barley, 88@93c. Flaxseed—No. 1 northwestern, $1.17½; prime timothy seed, $4.30@1.35. Clover, contract grades, $16.75. Short ribs, sides (loose), $6.50@7. Pork, per barrel, $12@12.12½; lard, per 100 pounds, $7.65@7.67½; short clear sides (boxed), $6.87½@7.12½. Whiskey, basis of high wines, $1.35. Butter—Market steady; creameries, 20@24c.; dairies, 18@25c. Eggs—Weak; at mark, cases included, 23@24c.; firsts, 22c.; prime firsts, 24c.; extras, 27c. Cheese—Steady at 11½@13c.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

Richmond, Va., December 27, 1907.

WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS ON 'CHANGE.

WHEAT—			
No. 2 red, W'ern (car lots).$1.07			
No. 2 red, Va. (car lots).. 1.06			
No. 3 red (car lots).....	1.02	@	1.04
Steamer (car lots).....	1.02	@	1.04
Rejected (car lots).....	96	@	1.00
Virginia (bag lots).....	90	@	1.02
CORN—			
No. 2 white (car lots)....		@	68
No. 3 white (car lots)....		@	67
No. 2 mixed (car lots)....		@	67
No. 3 mixed (car lots)....		@	66
New corn.....	60	@	64
OATS—			
No. 2 mixed (car lots)....		@	54
No. 3 mixed (car lots)....		@	53
No. 2 white (car lots)....		@	57
No. 3 white (car lots)....		@	55
Winter seed.....	65	@	75
RYE—			
No. 2 (car lots).....	88		
No. 3 (car lots).....	86		
Virginia (bag lots).....	85		

CATTLE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, December 27.—CATTLE—Receipts estimated at about 3,500 head. Market steady. Steers, $3.90@6.25; cows, $3.50; heifers, $2.50@5.25; bulls, $2.60@4.90; calves $2@7.00; stockers and feeders, $2.40@4.50. Hogs—Receipts estimated about 22,000 head. Market 10c. higher. Choice, heavy, shipping, $4.50@4.70; butchers, $4.55@4.65; light mixed, $4.20@4.35; choice, light, $4.45@4.60; pigs, $3.75@4.20; bulk of sales, $4.55@4.60. Sheep—Receipts estimated about 11,000 head. Market 10c. lower. Sheep, $2@4.50; lambs, $5@6.55; yearlings, $4@5.50.

NEW YORK, December 27.—BEEVES—Receipts, 2,995 head. Steers, $4@5.60; bulls, $2.85@3.90; choice, fat bulls, $4.20@4.40; cows, $1.35@4.00. Calves—Receipts, 73 head. Veals, $7.25@9.50; culls, $3.50; Western, $3.25@3.50. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 538 head. Sheep, $3.50@4.50; culls, $2.00; lambs, $6.10@6.75. Hogs—Receipts, 4,187 head. Market nominally lower; no sales.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 27.—The dry goods market was dull to-day. The jobbers' sales are attracting less attention than usual.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 27.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Quiet at 39½c.; receipts, 3 casks. Rosin—Quiet at $2.35; receipts, 169 barrels. Tar—Nothing doing; receipts, 30 barrels. Crude Turpentine—Firm at $2@3.00; receipts, 27 barrels.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 27.—TURPENTINE—Firm at 48c.; sales, 468 casks; receipts, 447 casks. Rosin—Firm; sales, 1,031 barrels; receipts, 2,650 barrels; stock, 118,485 barrels.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF RICHMOND, DEC. 27, 1907.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Berkeley, Shelly, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Line.

SAILED.

Steamer Berkeley, Shelly, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Line.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, Norfolk and James River landings, merchandise and passengers, Virginia Navigation Company.

Tug Standard Oil, No. 12, Burk, Baltimore, oil barge.

Sloop Dove, Harris, Nansemond River, oysters.

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Total bank clearings for the week, $1,822,991,000, against $2,193,868,000 last week, and $2,816,999,000 last year.

Richmond, $5,168,000; decrease, 6.7.
Savannah, $4,750,000; increase, 27.3.
Atlanta, $4,565,000; decrease, 10.2.
Norfolk, $1,991,000; decrease, 18.6.
Augusta, $1,377,000; decrease, 25.8.
Knoxville, $1,241,000; decrease, 17.2.
Charleston, $1,257,000; increase, 8.9.
Jacksonville, $1,118,000; decrease, 3.3.
Macon, $633,000; decrease, 24.9.

REVENUE OFFICERS HAVE BATTLE WITH DESPERATE MOONSHINERS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SALISBURY, N. C., December 27.—Deputy Collector J. M. Davis and J. R. Albea, of the United States revenue service, had a frightful battle with moonshiners in the western section of Davie county last Saturday, when they raided three counties in search of blockade distilleries. They were fired upon from ambush with shotguns and the fire was returned by the officers with revolvers. A large number of shots were fired, but no one hurt. The moonshiners soon retreated and the officers destroyed several plants and hundreds of gallons of beer.

Mr. Meyer on Hunting Trip.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SALISBURY, N. C., December 27.—Hon. George V. Meyer, postmaster-general of the United States, is spending this week on a hunting preserve in Iredell county. He is the guest of the Houstonville Hunting Club, ten miles north of Statesville, where game of all kind abounds. He was met at the railway station at Statesville upon his arrival Tuesday by a number of representative citizens and drove at once to the club quarters. He is accompanied by a son and the people of North Iredell are sparing no pains this week to see that the Postmaster-General is made welcome.

Comforting Christmas Gift.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SPENCER, N. C., December 27.—At a special meeting of Spencer Lodge, A. F. & A. M., last night the worshipful master, W. D. Pethel, was presented with a handsome overcoat as a Christmas gift from the members of the Masonic fraternity in Spencer. The presentation speech was happily made by Mr. F. P. Roesch, master mechanic of the Southern Railway at Spencer. The lodge, which was organized in Spencer two years ago, has grown rapidly until it is one of the strongest in the State and has apartments among the best in North Carolina.

Marriage at Spencer.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SPENCER, N. C., December 27.—Miss Annie Ellum, daughter of Mr. B. R. Ellum, of Spencer, was on Tuesday night married to Mr. William P. Beaver, an employe of the Southern Railway, at Spencer. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's father by Rev. R. D. Sherrill, pastor of Spencer Methodist Church. After the marriage a sumptuous supper was served, which was greatly enjoyed by the guests in attendance.

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SISK ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF HENDRIX

Noted Stokes County Moonshiner Charged With Killing Popular Deputy.

ARE SEARCHING FOR OTHERS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

GREENSBORO, N. C., December 27.—United States Marshal Millikan was notified this evening that Oscar Sisk, the noted Stokes county moonshiner, charged with killing Deputy Collector J. W. Hendrix during the raid of a posse on his distillery last Friday, and for whose capture the government has offered a reward of $1,000, was arrested during the afternoon, and was in Danbury jail awaiting the marshal's orders.

Marshal Millikan immediately notified the officers to bring Sisk to Greensboro jail Saturday, and he is expected to arrive here on the noon train. As a precautionary measure a special posse of officers have been summoned to accompany the party, to prevent efforts that may be made by Sisk's friends to release him. Should the evidence justify the binding over of Sisk without bond, he will be kept until his trial in the Greensboro jail, awaiting the next term of United States court. This term not being due until April, a special term may be called to try Sisk and others implicated in the alleged murder, whose arrest have been expected for several days.

On the day following the murder the government offered a reward of $1,000 for Sisk, and two rewards of $500 each for the arrest of two alleged conspirators, Jim Smith and John Hill. There are seven other moonshiners alleged to have been implicated in the murder, and rewards will be offered for these next week if they are not sooner caught.

The whole section of the county in which this terrible anti-Christmas killing of one of the most popular and efficient of deputy collectors occurred has been long dominated by illicit distillers, and thirteen were arrested and captured in a sensational raid the last summer, most of whom are now serving terms in the Atlanta government prison.

ARE HELD FOR MURDER

Russ Gatewood and Mose McKnight to Answer for Killing Swaim.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., December 27.—Russ Gatewood and Mose McKnight, aged eighten and fifteen years, respectively, were given a preliminary hearing before Recorder Griffith today on the charge of shooting and killing Mr. Bennett Swaim in his wagon last Monday evening. The evidence aaginst the defendants was such that the recorder ordered the boys committed to jail to await further hearing at the February term of the Forsyth Superior Court.

Ed. Hunt, a desperate negro, wanted at Whitney, Stanley county, for killing Amos Lilly, colored, on October 13th, was arrested here to-day. Hunt has confessed that he is guilty of shooting Lilly, but claims that he killed him in self-defense.

ARCHITECTS IN SESSION

Semi-Annual Meeting Being Held in Charlotte—Special Features.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 27.—The North Carolina Architectural Association convened at the Selwyn Hotel this afternoon, this being the regular winter meeting of the association, which convenes twice annually. The local architects have planned a pleasant two days for their brother architects from other parts of the State who are in attendance, and there will be special emphasis placed on the social features both to-day and to-morrow. To-night there will be a theatre party at the Academy of Music to witness the presentation of the play "Brewster's Millions," while for to-morrow a second gathering will be held in the nature of a banquet.

GOES HOME HAPPY MAN

Governor Pardons Westmoreland, in Prison Under