New York Stock Market

NEW YORK, December 17.—A state of neglect such as the stock market fell into to-day is sometimes ascribed to "holiday dullness." It was not entirely free to-day from a feeling of disquiet as being due possibly to some unfavorable factor underlying the situation. The continued strength of the foreign exchange market attracted remark and kept attention on the possibility of gold exports.

The effect of the increase in the Louisville and Nashville dividend proved more stimulating than did the Reading increase. Not only did that stock itself advance, but Atlantic Coast Line benefited from its holdings of a majority of the Louisville and Nashville stock, while its collateral bonds issued against that stock jumped a full ten points on enormous dealings to a record price above par. The movement gave rise to surmises of a redemption of the bonds to release the stock, as was done in the case of Rock Island's holdings of St. Louis and San Francisco stock. The bonds subsequently fell back several points without touching the redemption price, which is 105. The reviving effect on the market fell short of animation and the later trading continued very dull, with the final tone firm.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $6,949,000. United States 2's, coupon, advanced 1-8 and the registered 3-8 per cent. on call.

Total sales of stocks to-day were 484,300 shares.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Money on call firm, 4 1-2@5 per cent.; ruling rate, 4 7-8; closing bid, 4; offered at 4 1-2. Time loans very soft; sixty days, 4 1-2 per cent., and ninety days, 4 1-4@4 1-2 per cent.; six months, 4 1-4@4 1-2 per cent.

Close: Prime mercantile paper, 5@5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8440@$4.8450 for sixty-day bills, and at $4.88 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.84@$4.84 1-2. Bar silver, 52 5-8. Mexican dollars, 44.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., December 17, 1909.

SALES AT BOARD.

Virginia Centuries—2,000 at 92½.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical preferred—10 at 122.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
North Carolina 4s, C. 1910	99	...
Virginia 3s, Old, C. and R., 1932	92	...
Centuries, 2-3, C. and R., 1991	92½	92¾
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. C. L. R. R. Con. Tr. 4 p. c.	95	...
A. C. L. R. R. Ctfs. of Ind. 4s	104	...
C. and O. R. and A Gen'l M. 4½s	103	...
Georgia Pac. 1st 6s C. 1922	113	...
Georgia, Sou. and Fla., 1945	108	...
Georgia and Ala. Con. 5s, 1945	105	...
Nor. and West. Ry. 4s, 1941	88	...
Nor. and West. Ry. Poca. 4s, 1944	89	...
Rich. and Dan. Gold 6s, C, 1915	106	...
Seaboard Air Line 4s, 1950	84	...
Southern Railway 1st 5s, 1994	111	...
So. R. Dev. G. M. 4s A. 1956	81	...
Western N. C. 1st 6s C. 1914	106	...
STREET RAILWAY BONDS.		
Va. Ry. and Power Co. 5s, 1934	90½	91
STREET RY. STOCKS.	Par.	
Va. Ry. and Power Co. pfd	100 68½	70
Va. Ry. and Power Co. com	100 22	22½
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Atlantic Coast Line pfd	100 126	...
Atlantic Coast Line com	100 137	...
Chesapeake and Ohio	Nov. 100 87	...
Norfolk and Western com	100 100	...
Rich., Fred. and Pot. com	100 290	...
Jt., F. and P. Div. Oblig	100 285	...
Southern Railway pfd	100 74	...
Southern Railway com	100 32¼	...
BANK AND TRUST CO. STOCKS.		
American National	100 155	...
Broad Street Bank	25 34½	...
Bank of Richmond	100 126½	...
First National	100 295	...
Merchants National	100 560	...
National Bank of Virginia	100 185	...
National State Bank	100 185	...
Planters National	100 510	...
Savings Bank of Richmond	25 61½	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50 192	...
Virginia Trust Company	100 100	...
INSURANCE COMPANIES.		
Virginia Fire and Marine	25 68	...
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd. 8 p. ct.	100 122½	123
Va.-Car. Chem. com	100 50	...
Va.-Car. Chem. 1st Mort. 5s, 1923	97½	...

Quotations for interest-paying bonds are at a price, to which interest must be added. Income bonds and certificates of indebtedness are flat.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, December 17.—To-day's cotton market showed continued nervousness and irregularity, but recovered most of a midday loss, closing steady, net 4 points lower to 9 points higher, the active months being generally unchanged to 2 points lower. The market opened steady to an advance of 2 points to a decline of 2 points, which was about as due on the cables. Scattering liquidation and local bear pressure sent prices off to a net loss of about 6@8 points during the early trading, when a renewal of Southern and local support started covering by some of the early sellers and prices rallied to practically the closing figures of last night. This improvement was followed by renewed weakness, however, as a result of continued liquidation and more aggressive pressure from local bears, and after the circulation of figures purporting to be the national ginners' report on ginning to December 13, the market reached the lowest point of the day, or a net decline of about 7@11 points. On the decline to 15.51 for May there was a big demand from the leading interests, on which the market recovered in the later trading when buying was encouraged by a bullish weekend statement and large reports of steady interior markets in the South. It is said that the national ginners' report shows 5,429,000 bales of cotton ginned to December 13, which would be a little more ginned for the period than anticipated on the basis of the government's estimate of the crop. Local bulls believe that the census figures will be slightly smaller. Southern spot markets officially reported early were unchanged to ⅛c. lower. The world's visible supply of American cotton, according to New York figures, shows a decrease of about 13,000 bales for the week against an increase of about 140,000 bales for the same week last year.

Receipts at the ports to-day were 39,618 bales against 32,011 last week and 94,526 last year. For the week 200,000 bales against 389,206 last week and 411,472 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans 12,574 bales against 16,614 last year, and at Houston 4,061 bales against 12,673 last year.

Cotton futures opened and closed steady.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	14.83	14.85	14.78	14.81
January	14.94	14.95	14.87	14.93
February	....	....	....	15.15
March	15.30	15.32	15.23	15.30
April	....	15.42	15.42	15.43
May	15.61	15.62	15.51	15.60
June	....	....	....	15.50
July	15.51	15.62	15.50	15.59
August	15.34	15.34	15.23	15.30
September	14.00	14.00	13.93	13.93
October	13.36	13.46	13.45	13.45

Spot cotton closed quiet, 5 points lower; middling uplands, 15.10; middling gulf, 15.35; sales 1,300 bales.

Cotton, quiet; middling, 15.10; gross receipts 10,323 bales; sales, 1,300 bales; stock, 129,022 bales.

Total to-day at all ports—Net receipts, 39,618 bales; export to Great Britain, 19,760 bales; to France, 10,344 bales; to the Continent, 22,791 bales; stock, 792,452 bales.

Consolidated at all ports—Net receipts, 136,693 bales; export to Great Britain, 42,321 bales; to France, 13,595 bales; to the Continent, 53,044 bales; to Japan, 800 bales.

Total since September 1 at all ports—Net receipts, 4,676,049 bales; export to Great Britain, 1,270,784 bales; to France, 677,311 bales; to the Continent, 1,390,860 bales; to Japan, 18,894 bales; to Mexico, 8,555 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 17.—COTTON—Spot cotton, quiet and unchanged; middling, 15 11-16c. Sales on the spot 170 bales and 1,150 to arrive. Futures opened steady at an advance of 1@5 points in spite of unfavorable cables. In the early hours something of an attempt was made to put prices up, but at the highest the more active months were only 4@6 points over yesterday's closing. From the middle of the morning the market was under selling pressure as the result of reports from Memphis, the headquarters of the National Ginners' Association, that the ginners' returns for this period would be larger than has been expected. The spot demand, according to scores of messages from the interior was good, in spite of the uncertainty in the future market. Leading bulls offered support on weak periods. At the lowest prices were 4@7 points under yesterday's last quotations. The closing was steady, unchanged to 1 point down net. Futures closed steady. Closing bids: December, 15.12; January, 15.18; March, 15.60; May, 15.92; July, 16.04; September, 13.92; October, 13.34.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 17.—FLOUR—Market nominally higher with a quiet trade. Rye Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Cornmeal and Rye—Steady. Barley—Quiet. Wheat—Firm; No. 2 red, $1.27 elevator, domestic, and $1.26½ f. o. b. afloat, nominal. Options closed 1⅛@1½c. net higher. December, $1.24¾; May, $1.19¾; July, $1.09⅝. Corn—Firm; No. 2, 70½c. elevator, domestic; 71c. delivered, and 68½c. f. o. b. afloat. Options closed unchanged. December, 71¼c.; May, 73½c. Oats—Firm; mixed, 46½c.

Pork—Barely steady. Beef and Cut Meats—Steady. Lard—Easy. Tallow—Firm. Petroleum—Steady. Rosin—Quiet. Turpentine—Steady. Rice—Easy. Molasses—Firm. Sugar—Raw, steady; refined, steady. Coffee—Quiet; Rio, No. 7, 8½c. nominal; Santos, No. 3, 9¾@11½c.; mild, quiet; Cordova, 9¾@11½c. Futures closed firm at a net gain of 5@10 points.

Butter—Very strong; creamery, specials, 36c.; extras, 35c.; third to firsts, 28@34c. Cheese—Firm and unchanged. Eggs—Steady; State, Pennsylvania and nearby, hennery, white, fancy, 45@50c. Potatoes and Cabbages—Quiet and unchanged. Freights—Easy; grain to London, 1¾d.; do., Liverpool, 2d; cotton to Liverpool, 14c. Peanuts—Unchanged.

The cottonseed oil market was moderately active with sales of 16,500 barrels. The near positions were firm at 2@5 points advance with buying by refiners, while late months were off 2@15 points under speculative liquidation. January, 7.40@7.42; March, 7.48@7.50; May, 7.57@7.58; July, 7.64@7.65; prime crude, 6.47@6.60; do. summer yellow, 7.48@7.72; do., winter yellow, 7.60@7.99; do. summer white, 7.60@7.99.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 17.—Wheat prices advanced to new high records for the crop here to-day owing to rumors of a crop shortage in Argentina. The December delivery at one time sold at $1.17½ per bushel. The top for May was reached at $1.13⅝. Corn and oats failed to respond to the bulge in wheat, the former closing easy and the latter steady. Provisions were moderately firm at the start.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Dec.	1.15½	1.17½	1.15½	1.16⅞
May	1.12¼	1.13⅝	1.11⅞	1.13
July	1.01⅝	1.02⅝	1.01	1.02⅛
CORN—				
Dec.	61⅞	61⅞	61¼	61⅝
May	66⅛	66⅞	65½	65¾
July	65¾	65¾	65⅛	65⅜
OATS—				
Dec.	43⅝	43⅝	43⅛	43¼
May	45	45	44½	44¾
July	42⅝	42⅝	42⅛	42½
MESS PORK—Per bbl.				
Jan.	22.25	22.30	22.10	22.20
May	22.20½	22.25	21.92½	22.15
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
Jan.	13.00	13.00	12.95	12.95
May	12.12½	12.17½	12.10	12.15
July	12.05	12.15	12.05	12.15
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
Jan.	12.10	12.10	12.02½	12.10
May	11.57	11.65	11.52½	11.60
July	11.57½	11.65	11.57½	11.60

Receipts—Wheat, 20,400 bushels; corn, 348,700 bushels; oats, 221,400 bushels. Shipments—Wheat, 35,500 bushels; corn, 179,500 bushels; oats, 300,000 bushels.

Cash Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.27@1.29; No. 3 red, $1.22@1.25; No. 2 hard, $1.16@1.19; No. 3 hard, $1.10@1.17; No. 1 northern, $1.17@1.19; No. 2 northern, $1.15@1.17; No. 3 spring, $1.10@1.15. Corn—No. 3 white, 59¾@60½c.; No. 3 yellow, 59@60½c.; No. 4, 57½@58½c.; No. 4 yellow, 57@58½c. Oats—No. 2, 45c.; No. 2, 44c.; No. 3 white, 43¾@44¾c.; No. 4 white, 43@44c.; standard, 44½@45½c.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 17.—Wheat—Quiet; spot, contract, $1.22, southern by sample, $1.10@1.20; southern on grade, $1.11½@1.22. Corn—Easier; spot, contract, 65⅝c.; southern white, 64¾@65¼c.; southern yellow, 65⅞@65⅞c. Oats—Quiet; No. 2 white, 50@50½c. Rye—Dull; No. 2 western, domestic, 80½@81c.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

Richmond, Va., December 17, 1909.

WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS ON 'CHANGE.

WHEAT—Car lots.		
No. 2 red, Western		@$1.27
No. 2 red, Virginia		@ 1.26
No. 3 red		@ 1.24
Steamer	1.20	@ 1.23
Virginia (bag lots)	1.00	@ 1.25
CORN—Car lots.		
No. 2 white		@ 69
No. 3 white	68	
No. 2 mixed	68	
No. 3 mixed		@ 67½
Virginia (bag lots)	64	@ 68
Corn on the cob	65	@ 67
OATS—Car lots.		
No. 2 mixed		@ 49
No. 3 mixed	48	
No. 2 white		@ 51½
No. 3 white		@ 49
Winter seed (bag lots)	55	@ 65
RYE—Car lots.		
No. 2		@ 83
No. 3		@ 82
Virginia (bag lots)	75	@ 80

CATTLE MARKETS.

RICHMOND LIVE STOCK MARKET.
(Sales at Union Stock Yards.)
Richmond, Va., December 17, 1909.

Report of the live stock market for the week ending December 13:

Receipts—Cattle, 309 head; calves, 59 head; sheep, 33 head; hogs, 3,063 head.

Best steers, 5½c.; a few higher; medium to good, 4½@5¼c.; common to fair, 3½@4¼c.; best heifers, 5c.; medium to good, 4¼@5c.; common to fair, 3@4c.; best cows, 4¼c.; medium to good, 3½@4c.; common to fair, 2@3¼c.; bulls, 3@3.50c. Cows and calves, $20@45.00 per head. Calves, 8@7c.; extra, 7½c.; best sheep, 5@5½c.; medium to good, 4@4¾c.; common to fair, 3@3¾c.; best lambs, 8c.; medium to good, 6@7c.; common to fair, 4½@5½c.; best hogs, 8.85@9c.; light hogs, 8½@8¾c.; pigs, 8@8¼c.; sows and stags, 6½@7¼c.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 17.—CATTLE—Receipts estimated at 4,000 head. Market steady. Steers, $5@9.00; cows, $3.50@5.00; heifers, $3.40@6.00; bulls, $3.10@4.75; calves, $3@9.75; stockers and feeders, $3.75@5.40. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 28,000 head. Market strong. Choice heavy, $8.55@8.65; butchers, $8.45@8.60; light mixed, $8.15@8.40; choice light, $8.35@8.40; pigs, $7.35@8.10; bulk of sales, $8.30@8.50. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 13,000 head. Market steady to strong. Sheep, $4@6.75; lambs, $6.75@8.60; yearlings, $4.50@7.50.

NEW YORK, December 17.—BEEVES—Receipts 2,748 head. Steers, $5.60@6.75; bulls, $3.80@4.25; cows, $2.35@4.00. Calves—Receipts 489 head. Veals, $7@15.50; culls, $5@6.00; barnyard calves, $4.25@4.50. Dressed veals steady. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 5,770 head. Sheep, $3.50@5.00; culls, $3; lambs, $7.50@8.00; culls, $5@6.50; yearlings, $5@6.50. Hogs—Receipts 3,281 head. Quotations, $8.35@8.60.

RICHMOND TOBACCO MARKET.

Richmond, Va., December 17, 1909.

Brights—Unchanged. Quiet but firm. Fair receipts. Dark Tobacco—Owing to unfavorable weather the receipts for the past week have been very light. Market continues firm at prices quoted for all sound stock. Sun-Cured—For want of a season receipts are very light and market active at unchanged prices.

DARK STEMMING—NEW.		
Lugs	$5.00	@$ 7.00
Short leaf	7.00	@ 9.00
Long leaf	10.00	@ 14.00
BROWN SHIPPING—NEW.		
Lugs	5.00	@ 6.50
Short leaf	7.00	@ 8.50
Long leaf	9.00	@ 12.00
Wrappers	10.00	@ 15.00
BRIGHTS.		
SMOKERS—Common	7.00	@ 8.50
Medium	9.00	@ 11.00
Fine	12.00	@ 15.00
CUTTERS—Common	11.00	@ 12.50
Medium	13.00	@ 14.00
Fine	16.00	@ 18.00
Fancy	18.00	@ 20.00
FILLERS—Common	8.00	@ 10.00
Medium	11.00	@ 12.00
Good	12.00	@ 13.50
Fine	14.00	@ 16.00
WRAPPERS—Common	15.00	@ 17.00
Medium	18.00	@ 20.00
Good	25.00	@ 30.00
Fine	32.50	@ 37.50
Fancy	40.00	@ 45.00
SUN-CURED—NEW.		
Lugs, common to good	5.00	@ 7.00
Lugs, good to prime	7.50	@ 8.75
Short leaf	8.50	@ 11.00
Long leaf	10.00	@ 12.00
Wrappers	12.50	@ 18.00
Primings	1.00	@ 3.00

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS

PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

PETERSBURG, VA., December 17.—PEANUTS.—Spanish firm at $1.25. Virginias.—Steady. Bunch, 4¾@4½c.; fancy flat, 3¾@4c.; machine picked, 3@3¼c; shelling stock, 2½@3c.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 17.—The dry goods markets are quiet and steady with firmness pronounced on cotton goods. Silk mills are curtailing by agreement.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 17.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Steady at 53c.; receipts 2 casks. Rosin—Steady at $2.65; receipts 24 barrels. Tar—Firm at $1.90; receipts 118 barrels. Crude Turpentine—Firm at $2.50@4.00; receipts 37 barrels.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 17.—TURPENTINE—Dull at 51@51¼c.; receipts 616 casks; shipments 156 casks. Rosin—Firm; sales 2,881 barrels; receipts 2,583 barrels; shipments 3,816 barrels; stock 140,569 barrels. Quote: B, $3.92½.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF RICHMOND, DEC. 17, 1909.

ARRIVED.

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

Steamer Aurora, Furman, Petersburg and James River landings, merchandise and passengers, Phillips Line.

Tug Standard Oil Company, No. 12, Burk, Baltimore, barge of oil, Standard Oil Co.

SAILED.

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

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

Steamer Aurora, Furman, Petersburg and James River landings, merchandise and passengers, Phillips Line.

Steamer Quiriosa, Fitzgerald, Andover, Nova Scotia, lumber.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17.—The condition of the Treasury at the beginning of business to-day was as follows:

Trust Funds.

Gold coin	$876,052,869
Silver dollars	489,397,000
Silver dollars of 1890	3,061,000
Silver certificates outstanding	489,297,003

General Fund.

Standard silver dollars in general fund	$ 291,69
Current liabilities	111,251,115
Working balance in Treasury offices	22,133,597
In banks to credit of Treasurer of the United States	36,790,425
Subsidiary silver coin	15,883,280
Minor coin	1,021,637
Total balance in general fund	78,799,095

Bradstreet's Report.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say, in part:

"Retail and holiday trade has been helped by seasonable weather and the approach of Christmas and makes good comparisons with preceding years, a few markets, in fact, reporting a record turnover for the season.

"Best reports come from the North and West, but Southern trade also shows expansion, though this class of buying is not yet at its fullest. Jobbing trade reports are cheerful, with special stress laid upon the volume of reasserting demand to fill broken stocks. Wholesale trade and demand from manufacturers tend to quiet as the stock-taking period approaches, but order books for future delivery are well filled. In many lines of raw materials there is a tendency to quiet down or to postpone buying till after the New Year. Industrial operations are still very active on old orders. Wool buying is still quite active, and cotton manufacturers have raised prices of many lines of goods to a par with 15-cent cotton.

"The Northwestern switchmen's strike still interrupts trade in sections affected.

"Business failures in the United States for the week ending with December 16 were 273, against 259 last week, 311 in the same week of 1908."

Hester's Cotton Report.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 17.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued to-day, shows the total visible to be 4,757,809 bales, against 4,708,579 last week and 5,024,396 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,776,809, against 3,797,579 last week and 4,244,396 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 981,000, against 911,000 last week, and 780,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 2,580,000, against 2,589,000 last year; in Egypt, 230,000, against 261,000 last year; in India, 471,000, against 211,000 last year, and in the United States, 1,531,000, against 1,963,000 last year.

Cotton Statistics.

LIVERPOOL, December 17.—The following are the weekly cotton statistics:

Imports, all kinds, 118,000 bales.
Imports, American, 82,000.
Stock, all kinds, 1,048,000.
Stock, American, 947,000.
American, forwarded, 40,000.
Total sales, all kinds, 40,000.
Total sales, American, 32,000.
English spinners' takings, 60,000.
Total export, 11,000.
Quantity afloat, all kinds, 192,000.
Quantity afloat, American, 139,000.
Total sales on speculation, 3,200.
Total sales to exporters, 600.

Ginners' Report.

MEMPHIS, TENN., December 17.—The report of the National Ginners' Association, issued to-day, shows that 9,429,000 bales, of cotton had been ginned to December 13, 1909. The report by States follows:

Alabama, 994,000; Arkansas, 652,000; Florida, 58,000; Georgia, 1,778,000; Louisiana, 246,000; Mississippi, 966,000; Missouri and Virginia, 52,000; North Carolina 596,000; Oklahoma, 521,000; South Carolina, 1,074,000; Tennessee, 221,000; Texas, 2,271,000. Total, 9,429,000.

LOSE HORSES IN STREAM.

Couple Have Narrow Escape in Crossing Pee Dee River.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WADESBORO, N. C., December 17.—News reached here this afternoon of a narrow escape from drowning at Lowder's Ferry, on the Pee Dee River. Miss Nell Smith and Robert Hughey were driving to Norwood, and attempted to cross the river. When almost to the other bank one horse fell, and in struggling pulled the other horse down. Mr. Hughey cut the horses loose, but could not save them. He carried Miss Smith to the bank safely. The buggy was washed down stream and later recovered. Both horses drowned.

Three men were drowned at this same place several months ago.

Dies in Railroad Station.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LOUISA, VA., December 17.—Royal Barrett, a farmer, died suddenly in the Chesapeake and Ohio depot here to-day between 12 and 1 o'clock. He leaves a wife and three children. He was about sixty-five years old.

Democrats Elect Republican to Office.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

STAUNTON, VA., December 17.—The Board of Aldermen, all Democrats, last night elected to fill a vacancy in the board Henry Parrent, a well-known Republican. A majority of the members formed a combination and forced the nomination through. The action has excited much discussion to-day.

Delegates to Richmond Convention.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 17.—The City Council last night re-elected Captain S. J. Quinn, superintendent of the City Water Works, and B. F. Bullock, superintendent of the City Gas Works, for another term. The Council also elected Mayor H. Lewis Wallace and President of the Council W. E. Bradley delegates to the convention to be held in Richmond in January in connection with the League of Municipalities, when the commission form of city government will be considered.

To Lay Corner-Stone of Elks' Building.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 17.—The corner-stone of the new building for Alexandria Lodge of Elks will be laid at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon with simple and impressive ceremonies. Members of the two lodges of Masons in this city, and members of Washington Lodge of Elks, have been invited to be present, together with representatives from the different lodges throughout the State.

KILLED CHINAMAN AND TOOK MONEY

Dying Man Tells of Murder Sixteen Years Ago.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 17.—The story of the inhuman treatment by ignorant people of an old Chinaman in the mountains of the North Carolina-Tennessee line sixteen years ago and his subsequent murder by men seeking his money, is laid bare, if the alleged confession of a dying man reported to the sheriff here is true.

It is officially stated that P. C. Morris, of Cooke county, Tenn., recently believing himself dying, confessed to his physicians that his brother, Robert Morris, killed the Chinaman, Ling Gun, Robert Lawson being with him at the time, and that he then hauled the body to a hiding place, from which it was later moved to still another place by Dick Miller and Frank Lamb.

Ling Gun was an aged Chinaman, who, unable to speak English, was placed on a train here in November, 1893, by his nephew, Hop Woh, with a ticket to Knoxville, the old man having also several hundred dollars in money.

On account of a change of conductors, Ling Gun was put off the train by the heartless conductor at Paint Rock, on the Tennessee-North Carolina line, at night in the midst of cold rain. A week later reports came to Asheville of the inhuman treatment accorded an unknown Chinaman by ignorant and superstitious people, who had never seen a Chinaman, but believed that the queerly dressed person was some form of beast or devil, and set the dogs on him. He was found dead, an iron spike driven through his brain, and his body partly devoured by hogs.

The stories of the attacks on him were found to be true. Robert Morris and Robert Lawson were shown to have beaten the man and set dogs on him because they said his appearance frightened Morris's wife, and they served nine months on conviction for assault.

WORK TO BEGIN SOON.

Danville Government Building to Be Greatly Enlarged.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., December 17.—Work on the big $65,000 annex to the present post-office and Federal court building in this city will begin soon. Already Postmaster F. D. Lumpkin, who is also custodian of the government building here, has received instructions from the office of the supervising architect of the Treasury Department to seek temporary quarters for occupancy as a post-office and revenue and court clerk's quarters during the extensive building operations incident to the remodeling and enlargement of the present building.

About eighteen months ago a congressional committee visited this city, and, after inspection and inquiry, agreed to recommend a sum sufficient to practically double the capacity of the building.

Later a bill was introduced in Congress carrying an appropriation for the purpose, and this was finally passed, with the sum available placed at $65,000.

WILL MEET IN GREENSBORO.

Convention to Aid Laymen's Missionary Movement.

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DANVILLE, VA., December 17.—As a part of the laymen's work for missions, there are being held in all parts of the country conventions where prominent laymen are meeting to discuss and fortunate plans for the spread of the work. One of these conventions is to be held in Greensboro early in January, and the men who are at the head of the movement there are making every effort to secure a large delegation of prominent men from all nearby cities.

One of these deputations will hold a meeting Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, to which all the men of the various churches in the city are invited. The speakers will be C. S. Ireland, T. Wayland Cook and E. C. Wysong, all prominent business men of Greensboro.

Suffers Stroke of Paralysis.

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FRANKLIN, VA., December 17.—Hon. J. W. Williams, of Courtland, member of the House of Delegates from Southampton county, suffered a very severe attack of paralysis last night about 9 o'clock, while visiting Captain I. C. Wills, of this place. His condition has slightly improved since his attack.

Killed by a Train.

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ROANOKE, VA., December 17.—Floyd Carroll, aged twenty-five years, of Danville, Ill., was killed by a Norfolk and Western train, near Graham, last night. He was walking on an eastbound track, and in stepping out of the way of an approaching train, got on the west track immediately in front of another train.

Official Range and Sale of Stocks in New York

By THOMAS BRANCH & CO., Bankers and Brokers.

SALES:	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing.	Bid.	Asked.
200 Allis-Chalmers, pfd	66	66	66	64¾	65¼	
9,200 Amalgamated Copper	87¾	88	87¾	87¾	88	
2,300 American Can	14	14¼	14	14⅛	14¼	
600 American Can, pfd	83¼	83¼	82¾	82¾	83¼	
500 Amer. Car and Foundry	72	72¼	72	71¾	72¼	
Amer. Car and Foun., pfd	...	...	...	118¾	119	
American Cotton Oil	...	...	...	67¾	68½	
100 American Locomotive	61	61	61	61	61½	
200 Amer. Locomotive, pfd	114	114	114	114	115	
4,700 American Smelting	101½	101⅞	101¾	101¾	101⅞	
100 Amer. Beet Sugar Co.	47	47	47	46¾	47¼	
200 American Sugar	123¼	123½	123¼	123	123½	
1,900 Amer. Tel. and Tel. Co.	142	142⅝	141¾	142⅛	142¼	
84 American Tobacco, com.	430	430	420	430	435	
150 American Tobacco, pfd	96½	96½	96⅝	96	96½	
2,450 Anaconda Copper	49¾	50⅛	49¾	49⅞	50	
5,350 Atchison	122⅝	122½	122¼	122⅜	122½	
4,925 At. Coast Line, x 3%	136½	138½	136½	137¼	138	
8,300 Baltimore and Ohio	117⅝	118½	117⅝	118¼	118⅜	
1,100 Brooklyn Rapid Transit	80¼	80¼	79⅞	79¾	80	
400 Canadian Pacific	180¼	180½	180¼	180½	180¾	
500 Central Leather	46½	46¾	46½	46½	46⅝	
15,100 Chesapeake and Ohio	87¼	87⅞	87⅛	87¼	87⅜	
300 Chicago Great Western	21	21¼	21	21⅛	21¼	
6,900 Chi., Mil. and St. Paul	159	159⅛	158½	158⅝	158⅞	
1,500 Chicago and Northwest	181½	181⅞	181½	181½	182	
2,900 Colorado Fuel and Iron	51¾	52	51⅝	51¾	52	
Col. and South., x 2%	...	...	...	54	54½	
3,400 Consolidated Gas	152½	152½	151¾	151¾	152	
600 Delaware and Hudson	184¾	184½	184¼	184	184½	
7,650 Den. and Rio Gran., com.	50⅝	51⅝	50½	51	51¼	
4,100 Den. and Rio Gran., pfd.	86½	87	86½	87	87¼	
Distillers' Sec. Cor.	...	...	...	37¾	38¼	
1,500 Erie	34¼	34¼	34	34	34¼	
100 Erie, 1st pfd	50½	50½	50½	50½	50¾	
350 Erie, 2d pfd	41	41	41	41	41⅛	
Fed. Min. and Sm., pfd	...	...	...	88	90	
800 General Electric	160	160	159	159½	160½	
1,719 Great Northern, pfd	143½	143½	143	143¼	143½	
600 Great Northern Ore ctfs.	81	81¼	80¾	80¾	81	
1,500 Illinois Central	148	149½	148	149⅜	149½	
2,900 Int. Metropolitan	24¼	24⅜	23¾	24	24⅛	

SALES:	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing.	Bid.	Asked.
4,300 Int. Metropolitan, pfd	60½	60¾	60	60⅜	60½	
Int. Mer. Marine, com.	...	...	...	...	7⅞	7¾
200 Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	23½	23⅝	23½	23½	24	
100 International Paper	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	15½	15⅞	
200 Int. Paper, pfd	60⅞	60⅞	60⅞	60⅞	61	
4,120 Kan. City South., com.	44	46	43¾	44⅝	44¾	
1,100 Kansas City South., pfd	72	72¼	71	72	72¼	
17,300 Louisville and Nashville	155	157½	155	156¾	157	
100 Manhattan	140¼	140¼	140¼	139	141	
5,300 Mo., Kan. and Texas	49½	49⅞	49	49⅛	49⅜	
100 Mo., Kan. and Tex., pfd.	74½	74½	74½	74½	74⅝	
500 Missouri Pacific	71½	72	71½	71½	72	
200 National Lead	88⅜	88⅜	88⅛	87¾	88	
2,900 New York Central	123⅞	124	123½	123⅞	124	
650 N. Y., Ont. and Western	49	49¼	49	49	49¼	
2,100 Norfolk and Western	100	100¼	100	99⅞	100	
4,150 Northern Pacific	145	145¼	144⅝	145¼	145½	
1,400 Pacific Mail	41	43	41	42	42½	
18,700 Pennsylvania	135	135¼	134⅞	135⅛	135¼	
2,550 People's Gas	114½	115⅞	114½	115⅛	115¼	
100 Pressed Steel Car	52