

JOGGING ALONG.

The Stock Market in an Old Fashioned Way.

NO EXCITEMENT OF ANY KIND.

Money Was Easy all Day Hanging From 1-2 to 2 Per Cent-Prime Commercial Paper Bought After The Bond Market.

Commercial Resume.

Special to the Gazette. New York, Feb. 24.-Money closed easy at 2 per cent; the lowest rates were 1 1/2. Exchange-Steady, \$4 86 1/4 @ 89. Sugar-80 1/2 @ 11 1/2. Sugar-Raw and refined, dull and unchanged.

Wheat-Options fairly active and stronger, closing 1/4 @ 11 1/2 higher. Spot closed firm.

Wool-Steady and prices not materially changed.

Cotton-Spot. Lots steady; middling up 1/4. Futures closed steady.

Coffee-Spot dull. Fair Rio cargoes, 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2. Futures closed lower.

Hides-Market steady. Buenos Ayres dry, 12 1/2 @ 13 1/2. Wet, 10 1/2 @ 11 1/2.

Dry goods-Market moderately active and steady.

Bonds-Dull. Utah, Denver and Gulf, 19 1/2. Atchafalaya, 18 1/2. Missouri, 17 1/2. Texas Pacific, 15 1/2.

The Cotton Report. Special to the Gazette. NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 24.-Atwood, Violet & Co. say.

Futures-Liverpool closed about 1-64 better than yesterday. This offered little encouragement on this side, and we closed 5 points lower than last night.

When we see evidences in the spot market there of activity, we shall begin to feel that better prices are in order.

In giving a tone to our market reports of an unfavorable character we give all information we have to form a judgment upon the market as well as all facts and figures so that our readers may form their own conclusions as to whether our expectations or impressions are likely to be realized.

If we can give an estimate it is only after much careful examination of the conditions and the probable movement.

As we have been very correct this season in predicting movements, we are very particular in putting forth any estimates, whatever, as we feel that our opinions should be respected and taken generally with considerable confidence.

The market can't drag along in this way without some decided change one way or the other, and unless some relief comes soon in some way a decided falling off in movement or some unlooked for circumstance we shall certainly have considerable decline during the next thirty days.

Spots closed dull and easy. Sales 3500 bales. Quotations unchanged.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.-Money on call easy at 1 1/2 @ 2 per cent. Closed offered at 2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4 per cent.

Merchandise exchange quiet and steady at \$4 85 1/2 for sixty day bills and \$4 88 for demand.

Cotton Cloth Trade. MANCHESTER, Feb. 24.-The Guardian in its commercial article says:

A moderate trade has been executed during the week, but much of it was poor business. Manufacturers fortifying their positions. They are fairly confident for the month and other Eastern factors. Shirtings are not moving freely. Demand is small generally and unimpressive. Yarns are easier and sales are falling.

The latest novelties for gentlemen's garments at Chas. S. Grant's, 508 Main Street, Fort Worth, Tex.

ON CHANGE.

Spot Cotton Easy and Unchanged Generally.

FUTURES RULE IRREGULAR.

Wheat Decidedly Strong. All Cables Being Bullish. Closed Higher-Corn, Oats and Provision Stronger.

Other Markets.

Sugar Facts. From the weekly Sugar Statistical of Willett & Gray of New York:

Table with columns: Importers' Stock, Tons, 1909, 1910, 1909, 1910. Rows: New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Total stock, Receipts last week, Total since Jan. 1, Total since Feb. 1, Balance year.

THE WEEK. Rates and refined unchanged. Net cash quotations are: Muscovados 3c, centrifugals 3 1/2c, granulated, 8 1/2c per pound.

Receipts, 33,956 tons, against 19,301 tons last week. Meltings, 30,000 tons. Total stock in four ports, 63,704 tons, against 59,778 tons last week and 60,983 tons last year.

Total stocks in all the principal countries, at latest November dates, is 1,454,205 tons, against 1,421,079 tons at same November dates last year.

The Rice Mill Monopoly. The Louisiana Planter of February 20 says in regard to the rice mill combine at New Orleans: It is very satisfactory to those who produce rice for sale to learn that there is some probability of the members of this oligarchy quarrelling among themselves. The system of tall milling never has been satisfactory and

while charges of improper conduct on the part of the rice millers concerning such rice sent to them, have been numerous, it is fair to infer that even were their entirely guiltless of tampering in any manner with the yield of the rice cleaned for toll, there would still be every reason for their hurrying such rice through their mills, with the work of imperfectly done, and the consequent imperfection in the rice being then quickly saddled upon the planter as his indifferent work in production.

Years ago rice planters grew tired of this and refused any longer to submit their rice to the rice millers to unknown results. They preferred a definite price to be paid, and during the last decade almost all of the rice that has come to market has been sold for a fixed price per barrel of 160 pounds in round.

A half a century ago it was the custom in the far Western states for the farmers to carry their grain to the local flour mills and waiting there until the grain was ground into flour. The latter would be carried home again to the hungry family. These philanthropic rice millers must indeed think that the rice planters of Louisiana are at least a half century behind the times.

What the rice planters of Louisiana want is an open market for the sale of their rice, and they desire to sell it in such a market on its merits. If the buyers combine to form a monopoly, in order to prevent competition with themselves and, necessarily, in order to buy the rough rice at a less price than competition in the open market would obtain for it, it then becomes the duty of every rice planter in Louisiana to resist such a monopoly by all proper means.

LOCAL MARKETS. [All quotations below are revised daily by leading dealers and are based on reliable, wholesale and retail prices.]

COTTON. Following quotations are on the basis of spot lots:

100 lb. New mackerel, half bbls. No. 1, \$1.50; half bbls. No. 2, \$1.40; codfish, 25 c; herring, 25 c; salmon, 25 c; pickled herring, 25 c.

Holland herrings-Kegs, \$1.00; 100 lb. Herring, \$1.00; 200 lb. Herring, \$1.00.

Wheat-New, 100 lb. half bbl, \$1.00; 200 lb. bbl, \$1.00.

Wheat-Old, 100 lb. half bbl, \$1.00; 200 lb. bbl, \$1.00.

Wheat-Choice, 100 lb. half bbl, \$1.00; 200 lb. bbl, \$1.00.

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DEERED FRUITS, EASTERN, ETC. Apples, fancy evaporated, 5 lb. boxes, \$2.00; 10 lb. boxes, \$3.50; 25 lb. boxes, \$8.00; 50 lb. boxes, \$15.00; 100 lb. boxes, \$28.00; 200 lb. boxes, \$50.00; 500 lb. boxes, \$120.00; 1000 lb. boxes, \$240.00.

California Raisin-cured prunes, 25 lb. boxes, \$2.00; 50 lb. boxes, \$3.50; 100 lb. boxes, \$7.00; 200 lb. boxes, \$14.00; 500 lb. boxes, \$35.00; 1000 lb. boxes, \$70.00.

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