

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Dec. 9.—[Special]—Exchange active, and steady at 480@484. Money close at 3@15, last loan at 3. Sub-treasury balances—gold, \$144,171,000; currency, \$1,107,000. Government bonds dull and steady—4s, 123; 4 1/2s, 103. State bonds entirely neglected.

Ala. CA 2-3s... 100 N. O. Pa., Ist... 83 1/2 do. Cl. B 5s... 107 N. Y. Cen... 96 1/2 Ga. 7s mortg... N. W. prof... 52 1/2 N. C. 6s... 121 N. Pac... 20 1/2 do. 4s... 93 1/2 N. Pac. pref... 61 S. C. con Br... 90 Pac. Mail... 29 Tenn. 6s... 100 Reading... 29 Tenn. 5s... 104 R. & W. P. Tl 15 Tenn. sett... 69 1/2 Rock Island... 70 1/2 Vir. 6s... 50 St. Paul... 50 Vir. consuls... 47 St. Paul pref... 102 1/2 Ch. & N. W... 103 Tex. Pacific... 14 1/2 do prof... 136 1/2 In. Cal. & In 30 1/2 Del. & Lack... 129 Union Pacific... 47 1/2 Erie... 19 N. J. Cen... 97 1/2 E. Tenn., new... 65 Mo. Pacific... 58 1/2 Lake Shore... 104 1/2 West. Union... 73 1/2 I. & N... 72 1/2 Cot. Oil T. C... 13 1/2 Mem. & Char... 40 Brunswick... 15 Mob. & Ohio... 25 Mob. & O... 57 N. & C... 90 Silver Car... 103

PRODUCE AND MERCHANDISE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—[Special]—Quotations easy, unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 80 1/2@81 1/2; No. 2 red, 80 1/2@81 1/2; No. 2 corn, 52 1/2; No. 2 oats, 52 1/2; short pork, 8.12 1/2@8.25; lard, 5.62 1/2; short ribs, 5.00@5.05; shoulders, 4.50@4.62 1/2; short clears, 5.25@5.30. Whiskey, 1.14.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Southern flour, dull, steady; common to fair, extra, 3.40@3.90; good to choice do, 3.90@5.25. Wheat, unsettled, 2 1/2 up, strong, quiet; No. 2 red, 97 1/2@98; options advanced 1/4@3/4 closing strong, closing through improved money conditions; trading quiet; No. 2 red, Dec., 1.02 1/2; Jan., 1.03 1/2; Feb., 1.04 1/2.

Corn higher, scarce; No. 2, 62 1/2@63 1/2 elevator, 65 afloat; ungraded mixed, 62 1/2@65; steamer mixed, 63 1/2; options strong, 1/4@3/4 higher on light offering and better financial conditions, Dec., 63; Jan., 62 1/2; May, 61 1/2. Oats dull, steady. Options firmer, fairly active, Dec., 50 1/2; Jan., 50 1/2; May 52. No. 2 white, Dec., 51 1/2; Jan., 52 1/2@52 1/2; Feb., 52 1/2@53 1/2; spot prices, No. 3 white, 50 1/2@51; No. 2, 50 1/4@51 1/4.

Coffee options opened steady, 5 to 10 points up, closed steady, 16@20 up, local buying quiet, Dec., 17.25@17.35; Jan., 16.25@16.35; March, 15.40@15.45; May, 15.15; spot Rio dull, easy, fair cargoes, 19 1/2; No. 7, 17 1/2@18 1/2. Sugar, raw, fairly active, steady; refined steady, quiet. Molasses, foreign nominal, New Orleans quiet, steady. Rice dull, steady. Petroleum steady, quiet; refined, all ports, 7.25.

Cotton-seed oil steadier; crude off grade, 19@20; yellow off grade, 25@26. Pork dull; beef dull, steady; beef hams quiet, steady; tierced beef dull, steady; cut meats quiet, weak; middles quiet, firm. Lard active, higher, strong; western steam, 6.10; city, 5.60@5.70; freights to Liverpool heavy; cotton 1s 8d; grain 2d asked.

SIXTY DAYS FOR THEM.

"Squire Howerton was yesterday called upon to decide a case, the testimony upon which was decidedly queer. It appears that E. B. Jones, 124 Salem avenue, lost two cloaks, valued at \$10, some six weeks since; that Neal Hannah sold a coat to a loose woman of Railroad avenue shortly thereafter, which was proven to be one of the coats; that Hannah soon afterward had occasion to flog the woman for smiling on another man, whereupon she had him arrested and told of the theft. That was the testimony evolved for the city, carefully prepared and presented by Officer Pete Bower, who performed quite a feat in the other side a cloud of testimony was presented disproving everything charged by the prosecution, and one of them swore that she received the proceeds of the theft from another party. Mr. Howerton said, in sentencing Hannah to jail for sixty days, that her previous reputation was a strong substantiation of the testimony offered by the city. Mr. Wood, for the prisoner, noted an appeal.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me as trustee by A. Z. Koerner and W. F. Baker, dated 17th day of November, 1888, and of record in the clerk's office of the Hustings Court for Roanoke City, Va., deed book 17 page 146, to secure to E. W. Sykes and Ellen Sykes the payment of the sum of \$3,333.32, as evidenced by two negotiable notes of \$1,666.66 each, due in one and two years from November 17th, 1888, with interest. Default having been made in the payment of the last of said notes, at the request of the said beneficiary, I shall sell to the highest bidder, by public auction, in front of the courthouse in Roanoke city, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1891, at 12 M., that certain lot of land lying in Roanoke, Va., bounded as follows, to wit: "Beginning at a corner to George P. Taylor's lot on the north side of Salem avenue, thence north 179 1/2 feet to an alley, thence east with said alley 50 feet to the lot of P. F. Van Miller, thence south with Van Miller's line 179 1/2 feet to Salem avenue, thence with Salem avenue west 50 feet to the beginning, which lot of land embraces a lot of lots, each fronting on Salem avenue 25 feet, it being the same lot conveyed by E. W. and Ellen Sykes to A. Z. Koerner and W. F. Baker, by deed bearing even date with this deed."

THE ALLIANCE DEMAND TOO MUCH.

To THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES: It is not surprising that under the existing condition of the agricultural interests of the country the farmers should be anxious for some change which shall in some way reduce or remove the evils under which they suffer, but the numerous large and radical demands made by the "National Farmers' Alliance" can not be complied with until much time has been expended upon the vast amount of legislation which would be necessary to effect the changes demanded, were it considered wise to endeavor to comply with as little delay as possible, and perhaps even years of hardship might have to be endured before what they demand could be accomplished.

Now, were the "Farmers' Alliance" to settle upon one fixed principle, to advocate the carrying out of that one thing at a time, and let that one thing be the one that would afford the greatest relief, and really have equity and justice on its side, how much larger promise of usefulness would surround their endeavors?

The one thing which bears harder on the farmer than any other is the tax he pays upon an unprofitable farm when under a mortgage, and were the taxes upon real and personal estate entirely abolished, and the necessities of the city, State and country supplied from income tax instead, the agricultural interests of the country would not be jeopardized and the farmers' opportunities would be equal to those of men engaged in any other laudable pursuit.

What can be more inequitable than to require taxes to be paid on an unprofitable farm or a factory whose proprietor is thankful that during the year he has not sunk enough of his capital to bankrupt him? Yet under the existing laws the unprofitable is taxed as much as the profitable, so if the caterpillars have eaten the corn or the wheat crop is a failure, the farmer must sell his cattle, horses and implements to pay his taxes and interest, and the receiver of the interest enjoys his money without having to contribute to the public purse.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Admirers of James Russell Lowell will regret to hear that his health seems to be permanently enfeebled. He has not accepted invitations lately to attend public dinners and to join in political celebrations as he did a few years ago, and he is very likely not to be as strong again.

James Whitcomb Riley is a busy literary worker. Someone recently asked the poet to do a piece of work, and he replied: "I can't in the writing line, I was never so involved before. Even the hope of waking to find myself famous is denied me, since I haven't time in which to fall asleep."

U. L. Jackson, the novelist, was once a newspaper man. A friendly letter from Charles Dickens turned him in the direction of novel writing.

Justin H. McCarthy is just 30 years old. He has published eleven books and seven plays. He is tall and thin, with a very small head. He has traveled much in Persia, and has an intimate acquaintance with the literature of that country.

WYTHEVILLE.

Advances in the race of progress. Called the Saratoga of the South. Industries nearing completion and contemplated. Its churches and schools. The scenery surrounding magnificent. Wytheville's boom is attracting the attention of the country.

Wythe county is noted for its blue grass and fine herds and rich agricultural area. It embodies the mountain scenery and climate and fine mineral waters of Asheville, N. C., with iron and coal vastly superior to Birmingham, in the midst of an agricultural soil universally superior to either. Located upon the Norfolk and Western railroad, half way between Roanoke and Bristol, the former of which is situated upon the eastern border and the latter the western border of the great upland mineral basin known as Southwest Virginia.

The proposed Virginia and Kentucky railroad, on which work will begin soon, crosses the Norfolk and Western at this point. The Parkersburg, Little Kanawha and Virginia railway has also decided to build the proposed connecting link between the Black Diamond system and the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley via Wytheville, making Wytheville a competing railway centre.

These lines will bring the Gossan ores of Carroll, the mountain ores of Bland and the limonite ores of Cripple Creek and New River and the coal fields of Wythe, Bland and the Flat Top together at Wytheville, making it the great iron and trade centre of Southwest Virginia.

New factories and industries are being located every week, among which are two hotels costing \$50,000 each, Steel Range and Stove Factory \$125,000, while applications for sites are constantly coming in. The Wytheville Manufacturing Company, organized with a dozen hands a few months ago, engaged in the building business, has increased its force to 75 hands, with two months' work ahead engaged, and will now increase their force to 150 hands.

Streets are being graded everywhere, rail sidings for factories, while every movement goes to indicate that the place will be the growing industrial town of 1891. The Wytheville Development Company, the pioneer mover in the good work, owing 778 acres of land, had its first sale of lots from its choice property, beginning September 30th, when all the lots offered were soon taken up, and to meet a growing demand for purchasers 300 more lots will be offered December 17th and 18th, minutely considered as valuable perhaps as that of any company being offered in Virginia, yet at prices extremely reasonable, which it is earnestly hoped will encourage actual settlers rather than lot speculation.

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December 17 and 18, 1890.

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WYTHEVILLE is the county seat of Wythe county, which was awarded the diploma, with \$500 premium, at the Virginia exposition in 1888 in "Minerals and Woods." Its location at the point of intersection of Norfolk and Western and Virginia and Kentucky railroad, work on which latter will begin within a few months, without a reasonable doubt, puts it within easy distance of the rich coal fields of Tazewell county.

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