

I HAVE BEEN TOO BUSY

For the past two weeks to change my ad in The Messenger, but I will tell you of the few specially cheap things I am running on this week.

Fine Gilt Edge Bleaching 3 1/2¢ per yard. Fine Smooth Unbleached Cotton at 2 1/2¢ per yard. Nice Checks at 3¢ per yard. Nice Shallice at 3 1/2¢, Calico at 3¢ and 4¢. Fine Colored Lawn at 4¢. White Lawn at 4¢. Cross Bar Lawn at 4¢. Beautiful Bookfold Lawn at 5¢. Linen Crash at 7¢. Foolard Cloth worth 10¢ for 6¢. Dimity at 5¢. All styles of fine goods in Percale at 7¢. Sea Island best Percale at 10¢. White Swiss at 12 1/2¢ up to 35¢. Black Nuns Vellin all wool, a job at 8¢. Cashmeres, Serges, Flannels and Muslin, all prices. Beautiful Mohairs at 35¢ and 50¢ per yard. Lace Curtains from 48¢ to \$1.00 and up. Fine Lace Curtain Swiss at from 12¢ to 15¢ per yard.

Men's black suits of Clothes from

\$2.00 to \$3.75. Clay Worsteds from \$5.00 up to \$10.00. Fine Suits from \$4.25 to \$10.00. Odd Pants at any price from 25¢ up to 50¢ and up. Overalls from 25¢ to 75¢ a pair. Jumpers at same prices. Boy's odd Pants at 25¢ a pair. Boy's Suits from 69¢ to \$2.00 and up.

We have a complete stock of Summer Goods and I can safely say they are cheaper than ever before.

Come to us and bring your card and get it punched with every cash purchase. You will find here everything that is kept in a first-class dry goods store, covering 15,000 square feet of floor room, with an electric elevator connecting the three floors, with all the up-to-date system. Send us your orders. We guarantee satisfaction or money refunded, at Wilmington's Big Racket Store, 112 North Front Street, opposite the Orton Hotel, near the Postoffice.

GEO. O. GAYLORD, Proprietor

apt 17



TAKE A DAY OFF

And investigate the standing of the Company that has written your policy of fire insurance. It may pay you to have it done before the time arrives for adjusting a loss, when investigation will be too late.

If you're insured with us, however, there's no cause for alarm, as every company we represent is as sound as the Rock of Gibraltar, and their policies are as good for their face value in event of loss as a Government Bond.

Willard & Giles,
AGENTS.

DR. MOTT'S PENNYROYAL PILLS. The only safe, sure and reliable Female PILLS ever offered to Ladies, especially recommended to married Ladies. Ask for D. MOTT'S PENNYROYAL PILLS and take no other. Send for circular. Price \$1.00 per box, 6 boxes for \$5.00. DR. MOTT'S MEDICAL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

For by W. H. Green & Co.

Groceries! Groceries!
CAR GOOD LUCK BAKING POWDER
JUST ARRIVED.

50 Barrels Molasses,
25 " Syrup,
25 " Whole Rice,
15 " Broken Rice,
50 " Mess Pork,
500 " Flour, all Grades.

R. R. STONE & CO.
WHOLESALE GROCERS,
5 and 7 SOUTH WATER STREET,
apt 10.

MOLASSES. - MOLASSES.

500 Barrels All Grades.

25 Barrels Early Rose

AND OTHER GRADE PLANTING POTATOES.

25 BUSHELS UPLAND SEED RICE
AND OTHER GOODS.

D. L. Gore.
120, 122 and 124 N. Water Street,
apt 5.

For Catarrh May-Kever Cold in Head

ELY'S CREAM BALM is a positive cure. Apply into the nostrils. It quickly absorbs. 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; samples 10c. by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York City

THE HISTORY OF THE LEATHER PURSE.

The organ of the German leather trade, Der Ledermarkt, regrets that last year was not duly observed as the " jubilee of the modern leather purse."

The older folk among us will remember some of the predecessors of the "portemonnaie." The most popular of these was a knitted tube or pipe, closed at each end, with an opening on one side, and provided with two metal slippers. The next and hand portemonnaie was the invention of a German bookbinder's apprentice in America, Karl Heue by name, and his novel purse first came into the market in the year 1847. The inventor neglected to patent his leather portemonnaie with a steel clasp and it was quickly imitated all over the world, otherwise Heue would probably have become a very rich man. Since that date the portemonnaie has undergone a series of evolutions in form, material, and completeness, but the young Heue, according to the Ledermarkt, provided the germ out of which all our modern pocket purses have been developed.—London Daily News.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Wheelmen toil and they also spin—yarns.

The average fish story is a romance of real life.

Writer's cramp may effect either the wrist or stomach.

False teeth are never perfect unless they appear imperfect.

It makes a man feel cheap when a woman calls him dear in public.

It is often hard to bring a girl of the period to a full stop.

More than a fair profit is realized on the articles sold at a church fair.

After a girl marries she begins to lose interest in curl paper and love stories.

Some politicians, like corkscrews, are more or less crooked, but they have a strong pull.

TO GO TO THE FRONT

Army Officers on Detail at State Schools Expecting Orders—A Great Variety of Weather in one Day—The Question of Fashion

Raleigh, N. C., April 16.

Major E. M. Hayes, on duty at military headquarters here, and Captain J. C. Gresham, military instructor at the Agricultural and Mechanical college here, expect orders tomorrow to go to once join their regiment, the Seventh cavalry, which is ordered to one of the ports on the Gulf of Mexico for an advance on Cuba. Both officers say they receive this news with joy.

Adjutant General A. D. Cowles is a candidate for the position of secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina railway, which is made vacant by the death of E. S. Walton, of Morganton. The place pays \$2,000 a year. Cowles has written Governor Russell, with whom he is a great favorite, asking the general are purely nominal, as all the work is done by officers here at headquarters.

The Asheville company (P.) of the Fourth regiment has recruited to 115 men.

There is reported to the state board of health one case of small pox at Asheville. The infected person is a tramp, who is quarantined out of the town.

The Odd Fellows are making much preparation for their annual meeting of the grand lodge here May 10th. The local Masons are also preparing for a meeting of the grand encampment, grand commandery and mystic shrine here late in May.

The supreme court will at the present term hear the free pass cases against the Seaboard Air Line and Southern railway. The cases, which came up on appeal from Wake superior court, which fined each road \$1,000 for issuing free passes. Next week there will be a trial in the superior court at Goldsboro of a similar case against the Atlantic Coast Line.

One of the queerest damage suits on record begun at Salisbury yesterday against the Southern railway. A man jumped from a moving train, fell and broke his shoulder-blade. There was no reason for his jumping from the train.

Judge Purnell expects to hold the term of federal court at Statesville next week, owing to Judge Simonon's sickness.

Thursday was a singular day in this state. In the east strawberries and early truck were being gathered and shipped. In the middle part of the state there was hail. In the mountain section there was quite a lively snow-fall. April 17, 1881, nearly fourteen inches of snow fell here. April 15, 1849, over a foot fell, there was a hard freeze and all the fruit and vegetation was killed.

If what the press of the state says be true, Senator Butler has not a democratic friend in the state. There is an outcry against fusion with the populists. A populist committee says that there will be an "eruption in favor of populist-democratic fusion" before the end of May. A member of the democratic state committee said today that he had made careful inquiries in a typical eastern agricultural county and was told that if the democrats and populists fused probably twenty democratic votes would be lost, but that not more than half of the populists would vote that fusion ticket. He says he discovered, further, that the belief was that if the democrats make a straight fight they will get nearly as many populists as they would by the other course, provided that the republicans and populists fuse again. In other words, there are a lot of populists who will not submit to republican fusion and there are too many who want just that sort of thing.

Chairman Caldwell, of the railway commission, will be here next Wednesday to see what Governor Russell will do as to appointing a successor to him. Armfield and Turner of Statesville are his attorneys. Caldwell expects to take his seat as chairman. He has odd ways of doing things. For instance, he yesterday told all the reporters here save one that he had not a word to say. While to that one he unbosomed himself freely, and then there was quite an interview in a paper which has denominated Caldwell as a traitor, turncoat and renegade. A republican commenting on this said: "It seems that some of the populist brethren enjoy being kicked."

Most of the inquiry today was as to whether the delay has been great and there has been much talk that perhaps three-fifths of the people one meets do not in the least believe there will be war. Some of these doubters, say Spain will back down, while some say this government is afraid to fight and will itself let expeditionary troops dislodge the Virginian butchery in 1878.

The owners of the largest fruit farm in eastern North Carolina say the frosts and freezes of last week did not do a particle of damage.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Contests at the University—The Carolina-Virginia Game a Tie. (Special to The Messenger.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., April 16.—The result of the contests between the preparatory schools of this state which took place here today are as follows: Fifty yard dash—Carter, of Oak Ridge. Time 5.4 seconds.

Running high jump—Linville, of Oak Ridge, height 4 feet 10 1/2 inches.

Putting 12-pound shot—Reid, of William Bingham, distance 35 feet 2 inches.

Running broad jump—Linville, of Oak Ridge, distance 18 feet 8 inches.

One hundred yard dash—Carter, of Oak Ridge, time 1.05 seconds.

Putting 12-pound hammer—Brake, of Oak Ridge, distance 85 feet 10 inches.

Pole vault—Linville, of Oak Ridge, height 7 feet 8 inches.

Two hundred and twenty yard low hurdle—Oldham, of William Bingham, time 30 seconds.

One mile relay race—Won by Oak Ridge team.

Five mile road bicycle race—Turrentine, of Horner.

Base ball throwing—Reid, of William Bingham, distance 316 feet 4 inches.

There were many visitors. The prizes were awarded at base ball game this afternoon.

The base ball game in the afternoon between Harvard and Carolina resulted in a tie in the ninth inning in a tie score—10 to 10.

The telephone girl has a speaking acquaintance with a great many people that she don't recognize.

NORTH CAROLINA

Kinston Daily Free Press: Secretary F. C. Dunn received a check yesterday from Richmond for \$2,000 stock in the Kinston cotton mill. The stock is over \$3,000. Stock in this enterprise has been paid up.

Durham Sun: Irvin Mason, a colored boy, was playing around the Southern railroad track yesterday afternoon and tried to jump on a passing freight train and ride. He got on several times and was trying himself to see how well he could do around a moving train. Finally he fell and broke his right leg and sprained his shoulder.

Raleigh News and Observer: Captain Bradshaw, who has charge of the grading of the new railroad from Raleigh to Lenoir, was in the city yesterday. He says the work has not been completed as far this way as Caraleigh mills, and the camp will be moved five miles further south today. Seventy-six hands are now actively engaged in the work and the entire road will be ready for the rails by the 1st of July.

Lumberton Reformer: "A little son of Mrs. Jesse Jones, 12 at Duflie, on the Red Springs and Bowne railroad, came near being killed one day last week by jumping from the train while in motion. The train had stopped for lumber near the station where the little fellow succeeded in climbing upon the engine, and in passing his home, the train started great agony."

Charlotte Observer: Major Clement Dowd breathed his last this morning at eight minutes to 2 o'clock, at his residence on North Tryon street. He had been an acute sufferer with Bright's disease for a year. Clement Dowd was born three miles from Carthage, Moore county, N. C., in 1852. He was a native of Scotch-Irish descent. His father, Willis D. Dowd, was a farmer by occupation, a man of prominence and a member of the legislature. Major Dowd was reared on the farm and learned the lessons of industry. He attended the old field schools and began teaching at 17. He was graduated in 1872 and for two years he taught in Carthage Academy, and in the meantime studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1874 and practiced law at Carthage. In 1877 he married Miss Lydia Bruce, of Moore. In April 1881 he entered the confederate army and was member of Company H, Twenty-sixth North Carolina state troops. After the battle of New Bern he remained captain of the company. Subsequently he was made major, but in 1882 his health failed and he was returned to his home.

STATE PRESS.

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MOVEMENTS OF TALL TOWERS.

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

COTTON REPORT.

Wilmington, N. C., April 15. Receipts of cotton today—138 bales. Receipts same day last year—183 bales. This season's receipts to date—313,388 bales. Receipts to same date last year—233,297 bales. The quotations posted at 4 o'clock to day at the exchange: Cotton firm. Ordinary 3 1/2-15. Good ordinary 4 1/2-15. Low middling 5 1/2-15. Middling 6 1/2-15. Good middling 7 1/2-15. Same day last year, 7c.

NAVAL STORES. Spirits turpentine steady; machine barrel 25 1/2; country barrel 25 1/2. Rosin dull at \$1.05 and \$1.10. Turpentine firm at 90c. Crude turpentine quiet; hard \$1.25; soft \$1.30 and \$1.35. Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine 27 1/2 and 30 1/2; rosin \$1.35 and \$1.40; tar 90c; crude turpentine \$1.30 and \$1.35.

Receipts today—12 casks spirits turpentine, 112 barrels rosin, 106 barrels tar. Receipts same day last year—66 casks spirits turpentine, 629 barrels rosin, 56 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. Peanuts—North Carolina, prime 50¢ per bushel; extra prime 55¢; fancy, 72¢. Virginia—Extra prime, 40¢; fancy, 45¢. Rice—Uplands, 60¢; lowlands, \$1.10. Corn—47 1/2¢.

North Carolina Bacon—Hams, 10¢; shoulders, 6¢; sides, 7 1/2¢. Chickens—Firm; spring 10¢; hens 10¢. Turkeys—(Live), 7 to 10¢ per pound. Eggs—Slow at 9¢. Shingles—Per 1,000 five inch, hearts and sides \$2.00; six inch, \$2.50; 8 inch, \$3.00. Timber at \$3.00 to \$5.00 per 1,000 feet.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

FINANCIAL.

New York, April 16.—Money on call steady at 2 per cent. Last loan at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5 1/2¢ per 100. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.83 1/2 for demand and at \$4.79 1/2 for sixty days. Posted rates at \$4.80 1/2 for demand and at \$4.79 1/2 for sixty days. Commercial bills at \$4.79 1/2 for demand and at \$4.75 1/2 for sixty days. Silver certificates 50¢ per 100. State bonds dull; government bonds weak.

STOCKS.

Atchafalpa 11 1/4. Baltimore and Ohio 15 1/2. Chesapeake and Ohio 14 1/2. Chicago and Alton 14 1/2. Cincinnati, Burlington and Quincy 9 1/2. Delaware and Hudson 10 1/2. Delaware, Lackawanna and Western 14 1/2. Fort Wayne 10 1/2. Illinois Central 9 1/2. Louisville and Nashville 4 1/2. Manhattan 10 1/2. Mobile and Ohio 7 1/2. New Jersey Central 9 1/2. New York Central 10 1/2. Reading 15 1/2. Southern Railway 7 1/2. Southern Railway, preferred, 25 1/2. Texas and Pacific 10 1/2. Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf 6 1/2. Wabash, preferred, 15 1/2. Wheeling and Lake Erie 17 1/2. Wheeling and Lake Erie, preferred, 8 1/2. Adams Express 49. American Express 122. United States Express 28. United States Express 114. American Cotton Oil 16. American Tobacco 100. American Tobacco, preferred, 112. People's Gas 90 1/2. Consolidated Gas 17. Gas Electric 31 1/2. Lead 28. National Linseed Oil 14. Pacific Mail 23 1/2. Pullman Palace 17 1/2. Silver Certificates 50 1/2. Sugar 11 1/2. Tennessee Coal and Iron 19 1/2. Western Union, dividend, 8 1/2.

BONDS.

United States New 4's Registered 115 1/2. United States New 4's Registered 103 1/2. United States 4's Registered 103 1/2. United States 2's 95. United States 3's Registered 103 1/2. Alabama Class A 103 1/2. Alabama Class B 103 1/2. Alabama Class C 103 1/2. Louisiana New Coupon 4's 97 1/2. Louisville and Nashville United 4's 85. Missouri 4's 100. New Jersey Central 6's 111 1/2. New York Central 4's 120. Pennsylvania 4's 103 1/2. South Carolina non-fund 103 1/2. Southern Railway 9 1/2. Tennessee New 4's 85. Virginia Centuries 93 1/2. Virginia deferred 2.

COTTON.

Liverpool, April 16 1/2 p. m.—Spot cotton good demand, but business only moderate; prices hardening; American middling 13 1/2-24. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 10,000 American. Receipts 11,000 bales, including 10,000 American. Futures opened steady with a moderate demand and closed firm.

American middling, low middling clause: April 2 27-64, sellers; April and May 2 27-64, sellers; June and July 2 27-64, buyers; July and August 2 27-64, buyers; August and September 2 27-64, buyers; September and October 2 27-64, buyers; October and November 2 27-64, buyers; November and December 2 27-64, buyers; December and January 2 27-64, buyers; January and February 2 27-64, buyers; February and March 2 27-64, buyers; March and April 2 27-64, buyers.

New York, April 16.—Cotton steady; middling 6 1/2-16c; net receipts 507; gross receipts 1,310; forwarded 215; sales 1,106; spinners 90; stock 18,850.

Total today and Consolidated—Net receipts 11,186; exports to Great Britain 400; to France 5,000; to the continent 1,894; stock 68,811.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts 5,032,129; exports to Great Britain 3,056,698; to France 154,399; to the continent 2,681,911.

Futures closed steady; sales 112,200 bales; April 6 1/2; May 6 1/2; June 6 1/2; July 6 1/2; August 6 1/2; September 6 1/2; October 6 1/2; November 6 1/2; December 6 1/2; January 6 1/2.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 6 1/2-16c; middling gulf 6 1/2-16c; sales 1,106 bales.

PORT RECEIPTS.

Galveston—Quiet at 5 1/2¢; net receipts 2,349.

Norfolk—Firm at 5 1/2¢; net receipts 414.

Boston—Nominal at 5 1/2¢; gross receipts 87.

Philadelphia—Firm at 5 1/2-15c.

Savannah—Steady at 5 1/2¢; net receipts 1,437.

New Orleans—Firm at 5 1/2¢; net receipts 4,247.

Memphis—Steady at 5 1/2¢; net receipts 100.

Augusta—Firm at 6c; net receipts 135; gross receipts 180.

Charleston—Steady at 5 1/2¢; net receipts 122.

Cincinnati—Quiet at 5 1/2¢; net receipts 369.

Louisville—Quiet at 5 1/2¢.

St. Louis—Steady at 5 1/2-16c; net receipts 405; gross receipts 1,061.

Houston—Steady at 5 1/2¢; net receipts 426.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Chicago, April 16.—The leading futures were as follows:

Open. High. Low. Clos.

Wheat—May 1.10 1.10 1.09 1.09. July 87 1/2 87 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2. September 78 1/2 78 1/2 78 1/2 78 1/2. Corn—May 30 30 29 1/2 29 1/2. July 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2. September 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2. Meat—May 25 25 24 1/2 24 1/2. July 25 1/2 25 1/2 25 1/2 25 1/2. September 25 1/2 25 1/2 25 1/2 25 1/2. Lard, per 100 lbs.—May 9 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2. July 9 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2. September 9 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2. Short ribs, per 100 lbs.—May 11 1/2 11 1/2 11 1/2 11 1/2. July 11 1/2 11 1/2 11 1/2 11 1/2. September 11 1/2 11 1/2 11 1/2 11 1/2.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady; winter patents \$4.00; spring patents \$3.95; spring patents \$3.90; No. 2 corn 30¢; No. 3 oats 24¢; No. 2 white clover 30¢; No. 3 white clover 28¢; No. 4 white clover 26¢; No. 5 white clover 24¢; No. 6 white clover 22¢; No. 7 white clover 20¢; No. 8 white clover 18¢; No. 9 white clover 16¢; No. 10 white clover 14¢; No. 11 white clover 12¢; No. 12 white clover 10¢; No. 13 white clover 8¢; No. 14 white clover 6¢; No. 15 white clover 4¢; No. 16 white clover 2¢; No. 17 white clover 1¢; No. 18 white clover 1/2¢; No. 19 white clover 1/4¢; No. 20 white clover 1/8¢; No. 21 white clover 1/16¢; No. 22 white clover 1/32¢; No. 23 white clover 1/64¢; No. 24 white clover 1/128¢; No. 25 white clover 1/256¢; No. 26 white clover 1/512¢; No. 27 white clover 1/1024¢; No. 28 white clover 1/2048¢; No. 29 white clover 1/4096¢; No. 30 white clover