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# I HAVE BEEN TOO

For the past two weeks to change my \$2.00 to \$3.75. Clay Worsted from \$5.00 ad in The Messenger, but I will tell up to \$10.00. Fine Suits from \$4.25 to you of th few specially cheap things I \$10.00. Odd Pants at any price from am running on this week.

yard. Fine Smooth Unbleached Cotton Boy's odd Pants at 25c a pair. Boy's at 21/20 per yard. Nice Checks at 3c Suits from 69c to \$2.00 and up. per yard. Nice Shallie at 31/2c, Calico White Lawn at 4c, Cross Bar Lawn at | are cheaper than ever before. 4c, Beautiful Bookfold Lawn at 5c, from 12c to 15c per yard.

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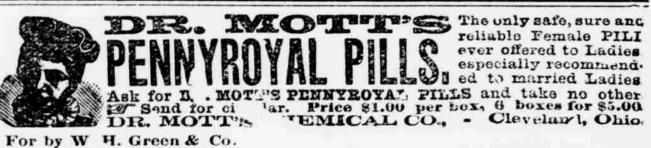


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THE HISTORY OF THE LEATHER

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 "portemonnale." 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 sliprings. The neat 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 reglected to patent his new 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 portemonnale 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-The average fish story is a romance

of reel 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

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

pockets first. The man who always pays cash often strong pull. sleeps on tick.

HE WAS BROUGHT LOW.

Away up the crest of the Cumberland range I sat talking and smoking with a mountaineer in front of his cabin after the humble meal called supper. when a "native" came down the trail on a mule and halted to say:

"Howdy, Dan? Folks all peart?" "Yes, rather peartish," was the reply.

"Got a Bible yet?" "Noap."

"I'm a-sellin' Bibles for a dollar

"Hain't got no dollar to buy with." strous like heathen not to hev a Bible. Yo' jess orter be ashamed of yo'self."

I reckon I kin git along." The man on the mule was a combinachagrined at not making a sale. He to take off his coat, and then mine host

"What yo' gwine to do, Tom?" ever laid yo' on yo'r back!"

"That's true." "If I lay yo' thar' will yo' buy a

"I will." "Then, with the help of the Lord, I'm

goin' to bring yo'. Come out yere and

and prepared for the conflict. to lay you flat!"

preacher suddenly rushed in and got a of the populist brethren enjoy being back hold and Dan didn't last fifteen | kicked." fall, and as he rose up he took a silver dollar from his pocket and handed it and there has been so much talk that out in exchange for a Bible. "Didn't I say the Lord would help

me?" asked the preacher as he mounted his mule to ride on. "Yes; but it wasn't quite fa'r!" growled Dan as he stood with the Bible in

his hands. "But the stranger says it was. What

ar' yo' complainin' of Dan?" "Of the Lord. I've lived right yere fur twenty-five y'ars, and this is the fust and only time He has come within twenty miles of this cabin! 'Tain't right to jump right in on a man all of a suddent, and yo' know it hain't, and the fust time I catch you without the Lord on yo'r side I'll make all yo'r ribs crack and yo'r heels draw up!"-Detroit Free

## A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIANITY.

In this age of widespread skepticism a profession of sincere religious convictions by a man of eminence is refreshing. A notable instance was presented when Captain A. F. Mahan, the world's foremost writer and authority on naval subjects, delivered an address at a recent Len'ten service in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, in Brooklyn. Captain Mahan made no claim to being an expert in theology, but he declared that for thirty years he had been an earnest believer in Christianity, and had trusted in a personal God. He had found his faith a source of happiness, and it had comforted and supported him in times of trouble and trial. The appearance of a man of the Captain's great ability and world-wide reputation, in a Christian pulpit is a spectacle which should appeal strongly to all thoughful minds. It signifies that, despite all the prevalent doubt and unbelief, man has a religious nature and religious needs which must and will assert themselves, and that religion is still, and must continue to be, a mighty power in the world,-Leslie's Weekly.

There are a million reasons why a man can love an heireus and each one of them is the size of a dollar. A law suit is apt to wear out at the

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

> Raleigh, N. C., April 16. Messenger Bureau

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 at once jointheir regiment, the Seventh cavairy, 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 e candidate for the position of secretarytreasurer 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 head-

The Asheville company (F.) of the Fourth regiment has recruited to 116 There is reported to the state board

of health one case of small pox at Asheville. The infected person is a 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 the 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 railways. These are the cases as good for their face value in event of which came up on appeal from Wake superior court, which fined each road \$1,000 for issuing free passes. Next Willard & Giles, week there will be a trial in the super-for court at Goldsboro of a similar case against the Atlantic Coast Line.

One of the queerest damage suits on record begun at Salisbury vesterday 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

Judge Purnell expects to hold the term of federal court at Statesville next week, owing to Judge Simonton's sick-

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 snowfall. 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 committeteman says that there will be an "eruption in favor "Shoo! Say, Dan Hawkins, yo' orter of populist-democratic fusion" before hev a Bible in the house. It's mon- 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 poption of preacher, circuit rider and col- ulists fused probably twenty demoporteur, and he seemed considerably cratic votes would be lost, but that not more than half of the populists would presently got off his mule and began 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 pop-"Look-a-here, Dan Hawkins, yo' has ulists as they would by the other gin out that no man in this country has, 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 also many who want just

that sort of things. Chairman Caldwell, of the railway goin' to do it! The Scriptur' says that commission,, will be here next Wednesthe stiff-necked and high-headed must day to see what Governor Russell will be brought low, and that's whar I'm do as to appointing a successor to him. Armfield and Turner of Statesville are his attorneys. Caldwell expects to take "Tom, ye can't do it—can't do it no- his seat as chairman. He has odd ways how!" replied the settler as he rose up | of doing things. For instance, he yesterday told all the reporters here save "I've got to, Dan!" said the preacher one that he had not a word to say. as he pulled off his vest. "I'm com- | While to that one he unbosomed himmanded by the Lord to sell yo' a Bible | self freely, and then there was quite and the Lord will strengthen my arms an interview in a paper which has denounced Caldwell as a traitor, turncoat They dodged around for a minute and renegade. A republican commentooking for an opening, and then the ing on this said: "It seems that some

seconds under the strain. It was a fair | Most of the inquiry today was as to war matters. The delay has been great 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 everything drop as it did after the Virginius butchery in 1873. 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.)

sult 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% inches. Putting 12-pound shot-Reid, of Wil-

Running broad jump-Linville, of Oak Ridge, distance 18 feet 8 inches. One hundred yard dash--Carter, of Oak | quently left the tracing of its course on

Ridge, time 10% seconds. Oak Ridge, distance 86 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 at the end of 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 mills. So far a little over \$55,000 stock in this enterprise has been paid

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 got off, and from what we could learn was trying himself to see how well he could do around a moving train. Finally he fell and broke his right leg and bruised his shoulder.

Raleigh News and Observer: Captain Bradshaw, who has charge of the grading of the new railroad from Raleign to Lillington, was in the city yesterday. He says the bed has now 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 Robesonian: "A little son of

on the Red Springs and Bowmore rallroad, 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 apointment. His duties as adjutant little fellow succeeded in climbing upon the engine, and in passing his home, the train yet running slow, he jumped to the ground. Striking a post he was thrown under the wheels, crushing his legs and both feet to a pulp. At last accounts he was alive, but suffering great agony. Charlotte Observer: Major Clement Dowd breather 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 distramp, who is quarantined out of the ease for a year. Clement Dowd was born three miles from Carthage, Moore county, N. C., August 27, 1832. He was of Scotch-Irish decent. 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 entered the university in 1852 and graduated in 1856. For two years he taught in Carthage Academy, and in the meantime studied law. He was admitted

to the bar in 1859, and began to practice at Carthage. In 1857 he married Miss Lydia Bruce, of Moore. In April 1861 he entered the confederate army and was made first lieutenant of Company H, Twenty-sixth North Carolina state troops. After the battle of New Bern he was made captain of the company. Subsequently he was made major, but in 1862 his health failed and he was returned to his home.

#### STATE PRESS.

Let us all encourage our corporations -encourage enterprises that will give employment to labor. Our farmers specially instead of permitting themselves to be misled by designing, bad men, should do all they can to sustain those corporations we have and secure more.-Raleigh Post. The fusion despoilers, feeling and knowing that the people have found them out and that extraordinary efforts are necessary to even give them a ghost of a show in the future, are now, engaged in setting forth divers and multifarious schemes to catch and entrap the honest, unsuspecting voter of the country. Their last and latest scheme is to offer co-operation with the democratic party, intending all the while to fuse with the republicans. Lexington Dispatch North Carolina is receiving more attenion just now than ever before. In every quarter of the state there are evidences of a deep interest in our history. Societies are being organized, magazines are being established, individuals are making private investigations, and counties, towns and communities are gathering together the facts about their past. North Carolina has everything to gain and noth

ing to lose from a full and correct writ-

ing of history. There is a deep interest

in ecclesiastical as well as civil and political history.-Fayetteville Baptist. Can the democrats win alone? This is a grave question, and we are honest to say a very doubtful one. Two classes of democrats went from their party to the populist organization. Some honestly believed that better times and better government could be obtained by a new party, and they honestly believed that the republicans and negroes were going to vote with them and help them to right the peoples' wrongs. They never dreamed that they were going to vote with the republicans and negroes to advance the party they had fought all their lives. But step by step their self-appointed lead ers led them on by false charges against democrats and false promises of their own, of the wish of the republicans to aid them in their fight for reform. They were made to believe the democrats. were abusing them worse than they were abusing the democrats. They got mad with all democrats and unfortunately for us Cleveland gave them additional cause and all democrats were confounded with a few. But these men were honest and will honestly confess that they have been fooled, and they will help to right the wrong they helped to create.-Windsor

## MOVEMENTS OF TALL TOWERS.

It is announced that the Eiffel tower has been vibrating to such an extent that many of the excitable Parisian public have become alarmed lest it come about their ears. Colonel Bassot has found that the expansion and contraction of the iron in the tower causes ti to describe a torison movement between sunrise and sunset, which traverses a curve of four inches. A backward movement equally as great occurs during the night. But in spite of this movement the tower could not fail. It is quite as rigid as though constructed of a solid piece of steel, and, if anything, more so. Our own Washington monument moves backward and forward several inches every day, yet nothing short of a convulsion of nature could displace it. The tall tower on the Philadelphia city hall is also side. The great dome on the capital building in Washington, D. C., moves quite a distance every day, and in this connection a curious experiment was tried to show how far out of plumb it usually goes. A thin wire was hung | from the inner topmost point of the dome. On the lower end of the wire was a plumb-bob, in the lower point of which was inserted a lead pencil. liam Bingham, distance 35 feet 2 in- It just touched the floor of the rotunda, on which a large sheet of white paper was laid. As the dome moved it dragged the pencil with it, and consethe paper. An oval fully a foot in Putting 12-pound hammer-Brake, of | length was marked out every day. showing that the apex of the dome of the capitol moves that much in twenty-four hours .- Pittsburg Leader.

SAD END OF A COLONEL'S CAREER

"I have letters from fifty veterans of my old command," said the Colonel, signifying their willingness to fight under my leadership once more." "You'll form a company, then, in

case of war?" "No," said the Colonel, sadly, "I feel my fighting days are over. My eyesight is failing me. Why only last week I tried to shoot a man who wasn't twenty steps away, and I missed him entirely-didn't even scratch him-and I wore spectacles too!"-Atlanta Constitution.

The middle aisle of a church is often used as a bridal path.

# WILMINGTON MARKETS.

COTTUN REPORT. Wilmington, N. C., April 16. Receipts of cotton today-138 bales. Receipts same day last year-183 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 3-16

Good ordinary ...... 4% Low middling ...... 5 5-16 Middling ..... 5% Same day last year, 7c. NAVAL STORES.

Rosin dull at \$1.05 and \$1.10. Tar firm at %c. Crude turpentine quiet; hard \$1.5; soft \$1.80 and \$1.90. Prices same day last year-Spirits turpentine 27%c and 36%c; rosin \$1.35 and \$1.40; tar %c; crude turpentine \$1.30, \$1.80 Mrs. Jessup, whose home is at Duffie, and \$1.90.

rels 25%c; country barrels 25%c.

pentine, 1,162 barrels rosin, 106 barrels Receipts same day last year-56 casks spirits turpentine, 629 barrels rosin, 85 barrels tar, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. Peanuts-North Carolina, prime 55@60c per bushel; extra prime. &c; fancy, 72%c. Virginia-Extra prime, 40@46c. Rice-Uplands, 65@80c; lowlands, \$1.10@

Corn-4714@50c. North Carolina Bacon-Hams, 10@11c; shoulders, 606%c; sides, 7%08c. Chickens-Firm; spring 10@18c; hens 18@25c; roosters, 18@22c

Turkeys-(Live), 7 to 10c per pound. Eggs-Slow at 9c. Shingles-Per 1,000 five inch, hearts and saps, \$1.50@2.10; six inch, \$2.50@3.50. 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 51/2@6 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers bills at \$4:83%@ | \$4.831/4 for demand and at \$4.793/404.80 for sixty days. Posted rates at \$4.80\464.81 \$4.84@4.84%. Commercial bills at \$4.79@4.791/2. Silver certificates 55%@561/4c. Bar silver 55%c. Mexican dollars 45%c State bonds dull; government bonds

#### STOCKS.

Atchison 1114. Baltimore and Ohio 161/2. Chesapeake and Ohio 1814. Chicago and Alton 154. Chicago, Burlington and Quincy 91%. Delaware and Hudson 1061/2 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Fort Wayne 168.

Illinois Central 98% Louisville and Nashville 48. Manhattan L 94%. Mobile and Ohio 27. New Jersey Central 93. New York Central 109%. Pittsburg 168. Reading 161/8. Southern Railway 71/2. Southern Railway, preferred, 251/2. Texas and Pacific 10. Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf 6%. Wabash, preferred, 1514. Wheeling and Lake Erie 1%.

Wheeling and Lake Erie, preferred, 8% Adams Express 99. American Express 122. United States Express 38. Wells Fargo Express 114. American Cotton Oil 16. American Cotton Oil, preferred, 671/2. American Tobacco 1001/4. American Tobacco, preferred, 112. People's Gas 90%. Consolidated Gas 177. General Electric 31%.

Lead 28. National Linseed Oil 14. Pacific Mail 231/2. Pullman Palace 170. Silver Certificates 55%. Sugar 1161/2.

Tennessee Coal and Iron 191/2. Western Union, ex-dividend, 85%. BONDS. United States New 4's Registered 1189 United States New 4's Coupon 119. United States 4's Registered 10814. United States 4's Coupon 1071/2. United States 2's 95.

United States 5's Registered 109%. United States 5's Coupon 111. Alabama Class A 1081/2. Alabama Class B 105. Alabama Class C 05. Alabama Currency 95. Louisiana New Coupon 4's 971/2. Louisville and Nashville Unied 4's 85. Missouri 6's 100. New Jersey Central 6's 1111/2. North Carolina 6's 120.

North Carolina 4's 102. Pennsylvania 6's of '95 163. South Carolina non-fund ---. Southern Rallway 89. Tennessee New Set 3's 85. Virginia Centuries 661/2. Virginia deferred 3.

## COTTON

Liverpool, April 16-1 p. m.-Spot cotton good demand, but business only moderate: prices hardening: American middling 3 15-32d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 19,700 American: receipts 11,000 bales, including 10,700 American. Futures opened steady with a moderate demand and closed firm.

American middling, low middling clause April 3 27-64d, sellers; April and May 3 27-64d, sellers; May and June 3 27-64d, sellers; June and July 3 27-64d, buyers; July and August 3 27-64d, buyers; August and September 3 26-64d, 3 27-64d, buyers September and October 3 26-64d, buyers October and November 3 25-64d, 3 26-64d. sellers: November and December 3 24-64d. 3 25-64d, buyers; December and January 3 24-64d, 3 25-64d, buyers; January and February 3 24-64d, 3 25-64d, buyers, New York, April 16-Cotton steady midding 6 5-16c; net receipts 507; gross re

ceipts 1,310; forwarded 216; sales 1,106; spinners 806; stock 185,809. Total today and Consolidated-Net re-Chapel Hill, N. C., April 16.—The re- noted for its capacity to lean to one ceipts 118,186; exports to Great Britain 400; to France 5,000; to the continent 1,804; stock 688,911. Total since September 1st-Net receipts 3,059,139; exports to Great Britain 3,056,-

608; to France 754,309; to the continent 2 618 208 Futures closed steady; sales 112,200 bales; April 6.04; May 6.08; June 6.09; July 6.12; August 6.14; September 6.12; October 6.12; November 6.13; December 6.15; Janu-Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 6 5-16c; middling gulf 6 9-16c; sales

1,106 bales. PORT RECEIPTS.

Galveston-Quiet at 5%c; net receipts Norfolk-Firm at 5%c; net receipts 414. Baltimore-Nominal at 6%c; gross rececipts 871. Boston-Quiet at 64c; net receipts 2.312. Wilmington-Firm at 5%c; net recipts

Philadelphia-Firm at 6 9-16c. Savannah-Steady at 5%c; net receipts New Orleans-Firm at 5%c; net recipts Mobile-Steady at 5%c; net receipts 69. Memphis-Steady at 5%c; net recipts Augusta-Firm at 6c; net recipts 135 gross receipts 180.

Charleston-Steady at 5%c; net receipts Cincinnati-Quiet at 5%c; net receipts Louisville-Quiet at 5%c. St. Louis-Steady at 5 11-16c; net re-

ceipts 109; gross receipts 1,061. Houston-Steady at 5%c; net receipts · GRAIN AND PROVISION. Chicago, April 16.-The leading futures

were as follows;

July ...... September .... Corn-May ..... July ..... September .... This season's receipts to date-313,388 Mess pork, per bbl-10.05 Lard, per 100 lbs-5.20% 6.274 September 5.30 Short ribs, per 100 lbs-July September .... 5.2714 5.2714 5.2714 5.2714 Spirits turpentine steady; machine bar-Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steasy; winter patents \$4.806756; straights \$4.30@4.50; spring specials \$5.50@5.60; spring patents \$4.90@5.10; straights \$4.40@4.60; No. 2 red \$1.08; No. 2 corn 3046631c; No. 3 oats 26%c; No. 2 white f.o.b 30@32c; No. 3 white f.o.b. 284 67304c; mess pork per barrel \$9.90@9.85; lard per 100 pounds \$5.174; short ribs sides (loose) \$5.00@6.30; dry salted shoulders (boxed) \$4.624-64.75; short Receipts today-12 casks spirits turclear sides (boxed) \$5.45(15.55; whiskey

May ..... 1.10

quotably higher; city mill patents \$5.75 Wheat-Spot stronger: No. 2 red \$1.10; options opened strong and higher on surprisingly firm Liverpool cables; shorts were heavy buyers most of the forenoun, covering yesterday's sales and influenced also by renewal of war talk, closed 2% of 2%c net higher; May closed \$1.06%; July

distillers finished goods per gallon \$1.20.

New York, April 16 .- Flour stronger but

closed 92%c Lard-Steady; western steamed closed at \$5.47%; city \$5.15; May closed \$5.52 nominal; refined firm. Pork-Steady: mess \$9.75@10.00; short clear \$12.25@12.50; family \$11.50. Corn-Spot firm; No. 2, 36%c; options were bullishly affected by strong cables and big clearances, advanced all the forenoon and closed be net higher; May

closed 35%c; July closed 36%c. Oats-Spot firm; No. 2, 30%@31c; options quiet but firmer with the other departments, closing %c higher; May closed 2934c Eggs-Steady: State and Pennsylvania 10@10%c; western fresh 10%c; southern

91,0193,0 Cotton Seed Oil- Dull, prime crude 194cc; prime yellow 2214 a 221 20 Petroleum dull: United closed no market; refined New York \$5.70; Philadelphia and Baltimore \$5.65; do, in bulk \$5.16. Rice-Steady; domestic fair to extra

4% @6%c. Molasses-Quiet; New Orleans open kettle good to choice 28603c. Coffee-Options opened steady with prices unchanged to 5 points higher; ruled quiet with April showing relative strength on short covering and spot coffee firm on buying; bears nervous owing to threatened break of war cloud and marked falling off in visible supply; July \$5.75; Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 6%c; No. 7 pobbing 7%c. Sugar-Raw quiet; fair refining 3 9-16c; Centrifugal 96 test 4 1-16c; refined quiet; mould A 5 7-16c; granulated 5 3-16c

NAVAL STORES. New York-Rosin easy; strained common to good \$1.4214@1.45. Spirits turpentine steady at 30/7301/2c Savannah-Spirits turpentine firm at 25%c; sales 478; receipts 1,201. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 629; receipts 3,067. Charleston-Spirits turpentine market firm at 2614c; sales none. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales none.

Weekly Bank Statement

New York, April 16.-The weekly bank statement shows the following changes. Surplus reserve, increased \$2,309,600; loans, decreased \$7,697,900; specie, increased \$4,554,400; legal tenders, decreased \$3,824,200; deposits, decreased \$6,317,600; circulation, increased \$55,600. The banks now hold \$37,373,-075, in excess of the requirements of

the 25 per cent, rule.

The Financier says: Despite the heavy and continued demand for funds from the interior, the clearing house banks, according to their statement for the current week, were able, not only to hold their own in the way of cash, but added over \$2,000,000 to the surplus reserve, making the latter item the largest reported since January 1st. In the light of present events the statement must be regarded as favorable since it reveals the wonderfully strong position of the banks. Ordinarily it would mean lower money rates this week, but unless a pacific solution of the Spanish crisis presents itself, no such reduction may be handicapped. The operations of the week brought about a shrinkage of \$7,697,900 in loans. due to continued liquidation and the entire absence of new business, the banks confining themselves to the needs of their own customers. Out of town banks, it is worthy of note, are doing some buying in this market, tempted by the stringent rates, Deposits were reduced \$6,317,600, owing largely to withdrawals of balances. The interior movement is shown in the loss of \$3,824,200 in legal tenders. Specie imports account for the gain of \$4,554,-400 gold and the net result was an increase of nearly three-quarters of a million cash. The loss in deposits lowered the reserve requirements \$1,579 .-400. This added to the cash gain swelled the surplus as above. The country has now imported or engaged over \$60,000,000 of gold, but the New York banks today hold only \$2,000,000 more cash than when the movement started. The specie received has merely replaced the withdrawals by interior banks and it is a problem whether the future demand on New York will be as

heavy as anticipated. Domestic exchange is at a heavy discount at interior cities and from all that can be learned the cash withdrawn is not being employed at home. The fact that outside institutions are loaning money here, is not without significance. The outlook favors continued imports of gold, and these, with the heavy disbursement made by the reasury, may operate to produce an easier state of affairs. It would not be surprising if present rates proved to be the maximum for the year.

The country has so much money that it is prepared to meet expenditures of an extraordinary magnitude without embarrassment. The trouble now is that this is being hoarded, rather than put into use.

## THE YUKON RIVER

The mouth of the Yukon is about a hundred miles broad-that is, from one side to the other side; but there is nothing to suggest a river about it-nothing but small streams, sloughs, islands, innumerable and disconcerting. It is like being brought face to face with a hundred gates, only one of which opens the way which you are seeking, while the others lead to destruction. This is the difficulty in navigating at the starting point, and the sort of thing encountered all the way to Circle City. It is touch and go, or touch and not go; and you may get through, or may stick on a bar and not budge an inch for many days or weeks. Eighteen hundred and fifty miles of river are before you on your way up to Dawson: and it takes about fifteen days, if you meet with no accidents, days of vast. wonderful and ever changing scenery: nights of silent grandeur, when you seem to be all alone, surrounded by an untrodden wilderness, slient, awesome, mysterious.-John Sidney Webb, in the