BERRY SEASON OVER

Number of Cars Shipped Largest in History of Industry.

GROWERS CAME OUT WELL

Few Scattering Cars Will Be Shipped This Week on the W. & W.

Total Number of Cars Will be Something Over 2,600—Estimate of Mr. C. W. Woodard of the Armour Car Line Was 2,700—Transportation Facilities Proved Far Better Than the Farmers Were Expecting—Thousands of Dollars Have Been Distributed in Eastern North Carolina Since April 20th.

The berry season which opened just five weeks ago is practically over although a few scattering cars will go from the Wilmington and Weldon section during the present week. In all it is to be doubted if this week's entire shipment will go as high as twenty-five cars. When the season opened Mr. C. W. Woodward, agent of the Armour Car Line at this point, predicted that the crop would reach twenty-seven hundred cars and his estimate is certainly going to be very, very near correct. It now looks like the number will be slightly less than this but it will be far nearer than any other estimate made.

The crop this season has been a record breaker and it is to be doubted if the farmers have ever come out better than they have this season. During the week when the shipments reached almost two hundred cars per day prices dropped to $1.25 per crate, but this was only temporary and when the shipments began to fall off prices advanced and for the past week there has been no reason for complaint on this score. One reason why the price has held up so well this year has been because berries were shipped to more markets than ever before. Far into the west did the Carolina berries go and into distant Canada, not only to the cities near the border, but far into the interior. As a usual thing during the height of the season the shipments to the different large northern cities have been very large and this has often caused the markets to became glutted and the berries to sell low. This year it was very noticeable that the shipments to New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore were much smaller than in the past. The reason was because the berries were widely distributed.

No complaint whatever was heard on the Wilmington and Weldon road as to poor service on the part of the railroad or car line, but some complaint did come form the Chadbourn section, the growers making complaint because the cars were not placed at station early the day so as the berries would not have to remain in a warm place so long. This state of affairs was no doubt, most annoying to the growers while it lasted, but after the big week things were not so bad. The buyers, it is said, caused some of the trouble. Not wanting to pay high prices for the berries it is said that they gave as their reason fear that the car line would not furnish cars in which to get the berries off and if they were furnished that it would be after the berries had become somewhat damaged.

Taking everything into consideration, it is to be doubted if there has ever been a year when such a large amount of money has been distributed in eastern North Carolina from the berry crop. It is expected that complaints will come form some quarter, and it would be well nigh impossible to handle such an enormous crop of highly perishable fruit in such a short time and give absolutely perfect service. It is said that there has never been an instance in the United States where such a large amount of perishable fruit was handled in one week from a comparatively small section as was handled in in eastern North Carolina during the week that nearly twelve hundred cars of berries were shipped in six days.

The season opened about the 20th of April and the first week only 16 cars of berries were shipped. The following week the number increased to 273, the next week to 1,179, the record breaking week, the next week, 805, and the week just ended the number of cars was 319, the number rapidly decreasing as the week drew to a close. This gives a total up to the present time 2,592 cars.

One reason given as to why the price has held up so well is because the cold weather putb ack the Maryland and Delaware crops and where these states are generally shipping berries before the North Carolina season is over, this year they have as yet made no shipments whatever. The last shipments of the season will probably be made from on the Wilmington and Weldon Monday and Tuesday.

The large force of men who have been located on the Coast Line during the past sixty days are going to other points. Last Wednesday a squad went to Delaware and Maryland and yesterday Messrs. A. A. Withaft, J. C. Everett, C. V. Ives, J. M. Norman and Harry Hill left for Jacksonville, Florida, to look after the cantaloupe crop In a few more days and but few of the men will remain and all the buyers who have infected the towns in the berry belt will have taken their flight to other sections of the country.

HONOR NORTH CAROLINIANS

Col. Waddell Addresses North Carolina Society in Norfolk.

At Meeting of the Society in Richmond Friday Night an Excellent Paper on "The Lost Colony of Roanoke," Prepared by Mr. J. H. Myrover, Was Read—He Could Not be Present on Account of Sickness—Mr. C. E. Borden President of the Society in Richmond.

On Friday night the North Carolina society in several cities of other states men and at two gatherings persons from eastern North Carolina and those who reside here at the present time played a prominent part. In Norfolk the address of the occasion was made by Colonel Alfred M. Waddell, and in Richmond a paper prepared by Mr. J. H. Myrover, of Fayetteville, the Fayetteville correspondent of The Messenger was read on "The Lost Colony of Roanoke." He expected to be present and read the paper himself but was so ill he could not attend. The Pilot contains a large and excellent picture of Colonel Waddell.

The president of the Richmond society is Mr. C. E. Borden, who is well known in this city and married a Wilmington lady. The Times-Dispatch contains his picture.

The Norfolk Pilot in the write-up of the banquet given by the North Carolina society, says in part:

"Hon. Alfred Moore Waddell, mayor of Wilmington, N. C., who was the principal speaker last night at the banquet of the North Carolina society, was accorded an ovation. Seldom has a son of the Old North State been so honored as was the gifted man of the principal city of the state of North Carolina.

"The banquet took place in the main hall of the Masonic temple and rarely is such a sumptuous spread served anywhere.

"After the eatables had been disposed of the toastmaster of the evening, Dr. R. L. Payne, introduced the Hon. Alfred Moore Waddell, mayor of Wilmington, N. C., who spoke of "North Carolina."

"Colonel Waddell held the attention of his auditors from start to finish an dduring the course of his remarks cited many incidents which binds the Old North State to the Mother State.

"In particularly happy vein the colonel referred to the fact that a North Carolinian had started the Western trail from North Carolina to Virginia, where the Virginians had taken it up

"North Carolina deserves a tribute," said the speaker, "and this is evidenced by the grand outpouring tonight of her mothers sons, here and elsewhere. We are the pioneers in the cause of liberty and factors in the cause of good government in the country. The close associations between North Carolina and Virginia began a century ago, and have continued since.

"'Norfolk is one half North Carolina,' said the speaker, 'and we do not believe the would be any offense if Norfolk should be placed on the North Carolina may, and I move that the lines be so adjusted that Norfolk be made a part of North Carolina.' (Great applause.)

LOST COLONY OF ROANOKE.

In speakig of the paper prepared by Mr. J. H. Myrover, the Times-Dispatch said:

"Dr. J. Allison Hodges read a most interesting paper, which had been prepared especially for this occasion by Mr. J. H. Myrover, of Fayetteville, N. C. Mr. Myrover had expected to be the guest of the society and read the paper himself, but becoming critically ill, he could not fill his engagement, and sent the paper by mail to be read by Dr. Hodges.

"The interesting document was entitled, 'The Lost Colony, or Where is the Grave of irginia Dare?'

"It is a graphic story of the settlement of Roanoke Island, and the mysterious disappearance from there of Sir Walter Raleigh's colony, in which was the infant, Virginia Dare, the first white person on August on American sail. What became of settlers is the question discussed, and Mr. Myrover proved by legendary lore and other evidence that the Croatan Indians of Robeson and Cumberland counties, in North Carolina, the only blue-eyed Indians ever known, are the descendants of the Lost Colony, amalgamated with the Indians of the Manteo tribe.

"After reading the paper Dr. Hodges spoke briefly of its value as a chapter in history and among other things said he felt sure that if that distinguished native of North Carolina, the present speaker of the national house of repreesntatives, could have been present to hear the paper and learn of the richness of the love of his native state and could have heard the old North State hymn sung as it had just been sung, he would have partaken sufficiently of the enthusiasm of this gathering of Carolina-Virginians to enable him to take his czar hand from the throat of the Jamestown appropriation bill.

"Dr. E. L. Pell, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Myrover for his excellent paper, made a happy speech in which he said he never knew before how rich his old state was in antiquities. He said Massachusetts was trying to preserve antiquities, but could find nothing but Plymouth Rock and a few Boston old maids, and the Virginia Society for the Preservation of Antiquities has about reached the conclusion that it will have to wait several hundred years yet to let some grow old, but North Carolina is strictly in it now, heretofore and forever."

ENDORSE L. V. GRADY

New Hanover Bar Association Met Yesterday.

WANT GRADY FOR SOLICITOR

Understood That There Will Be Three Candidates in the Field.

Mr. William J. Bellamy Thought if Any One Was to be Endorsed it Should be Solicitor Duffy Who Had Made a Fine Record and Had Filled the Position Both Ably and Fearlessly—Calendar Arranged for the Term of Civil Court Convening on the 28th.

A meeting of the bar association of New Hanover county was held yesterday for the purpose of arranging a calendar for the term of court beginning on May 28th. The term will be for two weeks and will be devoted entirely to the trial of civil cases. There are no cases of special importance to be tried, and as a matter of fact very few impottant civil cases are tried in the courts of New Hanover with the exception of the damage suits against the Consolidated company and the Atlantic Coast Line. There are several on the docket against these companies and it is very probable that one or two of them will be tried. One of the most important is that of C. D. Willson vs. the Atlantic Coast Line in which suit is brought for ten thousand dollars damages for injuries sustained more than a year ago while crossing the tracks of the defendant company at Nutt street. This case is the first on the calendar and there is but little doubt about it being heard.

At this term the new rule of cases going off the docket when they are not reached on the day set will be observed. Heretofore they have gone over from day to day.

The calendar as arranged is given below.

ENDORSED MR L. V. GRADY.

In addition to the arranging of a calendar, the bar association endorsed Mr. L. V. Grady for the position of solicitor for this district. The matter was taken up immediately after the calendar had been arranged.

Ex-Judge E. K. Bryan said that in view of the fact that Mr. L. V. Grady, a member of the bar association, was a candidate for the position of solicitor that he thought it would be a very graceful thing for the association to endorse him.

Mr. Herbert McClammy expressed himself as fully agreeing with Judge Bryan and spoke in very high terms of Mr. Grady. Hon. John D. Bellamy favored such a course and said he thought the members of the bar should stick together.

It resulted in Judge Bryan making a motion that the bar association go on record as having confidence in the ability of Mr. Grady and endorse him for the position of solicitor.

Mr. William J. Bellamy was quickly to his feet and strongly champoined the cause of Solicitor Duffy. He said if there was any one who should be endorsed it was Rodolph Duffy, for during his term of office he had made a record which no one could find fault with and he defied ony one to name a single act in which he had failed to do his duty. Solicitor Duffy, he spoke of as a most able lawyer and one who never shirked his duty and would prosecute the rich and powerful just as quick as he would the poor and humble. He said he had nothing but the kindest feeling for Mr. Grady personally, but thought he would be remiss in his duty if he did not have a word to say for Solicitor Duffy who had made such an excellent record.

After Mr. Bellamy had concluded his remarks talks were made by several in support of Mr. Grady and Hon. John D. Bellamy reiterated his statement to the effect that the bar association should support the man who was a member of the association. Several expressed themselves as having confidence in the ability of Mr. Grady and believed that he would make an efficient solicitor.

Mr. William J. Bellamy said he would agree to endorse Mr. Grady if the association would also endorse the record made by Solicitor Duffy. This they refused to do. When the question was put to a vote it was carried, Mr. William J. Bellamy not voting.

The judicial convention is to be held in Warsaw on the 20th of June. Thus far no candidate has come out to oppose Judge Oliver H. Allen and the indications are that he will have no opposition. It is understood that Mr. Henry Shaw, a member of the firm of Wooten and Shaw, of Kinston, will also be a candidate for solicitor.

In the judicial convention the vote is 142, and it is divided as follows:

New Hanover, 26; Duplin, 29; Pender, 19; Lenoir, 29; Onslow, 18, and Sampson, 21.

THE CIVIL DOCKET.

The following cases are set for the first week of court:

Monday—C. D. Willson vs. the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company, Toney Watters vs. Georgia Watters, A. Nielson vs. Southern Express company, J. G. Wright and Son vs. Williams Brothers.

Tuesday—J. H. Strauss vs. A. Mavronichals, B. F Keith company vs. Hall Tie and Lumber company, D. N. Chadwick vs. J. F. Garrell, H. M. Miller and Sons vs. F. A. Applegate, United Sons and Daughters of Salem vs. Fletcher Pittman, United Sons and Daughters of Salem vs. F. A. Pttiman et al.

Wednesday—B. Solomon et al vs. Wilmington Sewerage company, D. C. Love, administrator, vs. Elizabeth West et al, James Hartman vs. Julia Hartman, Queen City Cycle compeny vs. C. W. Brewer, J. C. Martin vs. J. T. Cowan, John Plummer vs. R. N. Sweet et al.

Thursday—C. E. Taylor vs. B. C Bell, Charles W. Whitlock vs. William Bragaw, A. D. Wessell vs. Lena Wessell.

Friday—C D. Weeks, trustee, vs. H. J. Spooner, jr., Charles Wessell vs. Lena Wessell, Pittsburgh Lumber company vs. Z. P. Rowe.

Saturday—William Johnson vs. Mrs. Susan E. Moore, A. O. Jennings vs. J. T. Smith.

Second Week.—Monday—William J. Hart et al vs. Wilmington Grocery company, Frank Meier, administrator, vs. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power company; Murchison National Bank vs. Dunn Oil Mill company, Murchison National Bank vs. William Walker et al.

Tuesday—George S. Baxter and company vs. J. W. Harper, John W. Harper vs. W. R. Bonsal et al, Melvin Hortle vs Consolidated Railways, Light and Power company.

Wednesday—L. A. Patterson s. A. E. Jennings company vs. J. W. Capps and J. C. Walton, S. A. Parmele vs. J. M. Bunting, Savannah Grocery company vs. A. Steljes, Edmund Highsmith vs. Thomas A. Smith.

Thursday—J. E. G. Brown vs. J. K. Taylor, Z. W. Whitehead vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company, F. T. Mills vs. W. W. Alderman, F. T Mills vs. W. W. Alderman.

GATHER IN CHARLOTTE

Important Meeting of the Knights of Columbus—Several From Wilmington Will Take the Third Degree.

A number of the local Knights of Columbus will leave today for Charlotte to attend a gathering of Knights to be held in that city on Monday afternoon at which time the third will degree will be conferred upon a number of candidates and among the number will be several from Wilmington. The lodge will meet in the afternoon about 2:30 and will be in session until about 7:30. That night an elaborate banquet will be given. Knights will be in attentandce from all over the state and also from several of the adjoining states.

Those who will be present from Wilmington are, Dr. Thos. Carroll, Messrs. R. C. Banks, J. J. Allen, J. N. Sweeney, C. J. Crane, J. K. Corbett, D. M. Carroll, J. O. Reilly, Walter Bergen, Leslie Watson, John Meier, Matt Meier, Charles L. Jones, Robert Green, Jr., and C. B. Redmond. The six last named will take the third degree. Several of the delegation left yesterday and others will go today.

MR. WIGGINS HERE

His Home in the Future Will be in Greenville, S. C.—Mr. S. A. Haines Succeeds Him at the Railroad.

Mr. H. L. B. Wiggins who resigned as chief clerk in office of the engineer of roadway of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city to go in business with his brother-in-law, Mr. R. S. McIver, at Greenville, S. C., was in the city yesterday. Mr. Wiggins has been in the railroad service about 20 years, three years of which time he was here with the Atlantic Coast Line.

Mr. S. A. Haines, a popular and competent railroad man, has been promoted to the position of chief clerk.

Mr. Wiggins will go to Greenville at once but his family will not leave Wilmington until fall.

GROUND SWALLOWED THE COW

Another San Francisco Earthquake Story.

The most remarkable phenomenon of the earthquake was reported today from Bolinas bay, the first inlet on the coast north of San Francisco, where the violence of the shocks appears to have been greater than at any other point. The earth was split open for 20 miles parallel to the shore, and in places the cleft was several feet wide and apparently hundreds of feet deep.

John K. Orr, a wealthy land-owner, has returned to his home in Berkeley from a trip of investigation. He waited upon President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the State university, today, suggesting that scientists should be sent at once to Bolinas bay.

"So terrible is the sight in that region," said Mr. Orr, "that I must be pardoned for declining to give the details of the destruction wrought, because I believe the truth told about the damage there would unduly alarm people and would help to give a black eye to the state."

Before making a personal inspection Mr. Orr received a letter from E. B. Nelson, of the Nelson Hotel company, at Olema, giving some details of the havoc wrought by the earthquake. This letter says the extraordinary chasm extends from Tomales to Bolinas bay, 20 miles, and in some places 300 feet deep. On P. F. Shafter's dairy ranch the men were milking when the quake came. The fissure just missed taking in a house and did swallow up a cow in the yard. Mr. Orr, upon his return, verified these statements of his correspondent, stating that he saw the back of the cow partly uncovered at a point where the fissure was about eight feet deep.—San Francisco correspondent of the New York World.

Meant What He Says.

When Senator Bailey declared that a report published in a Chicago paper to the effect that he was responsible for the failure of an agreement between the President and Senator Tillman on the rate bill, was a "deliberat malicious lie," he probably meant what he said. The senator comes from a state where a term like that generally means something.—Charlotte Observer.

Mr. S. Meares, of Clarkton, was here last night.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

Saturday, May 19.

COTTON—Steady 11⅜.

Receipts of cotton today—1,043 bales.

Receipts this season to date—305,218 bales.

Receipts same day last year—343 bales.

Receipts last season to same date—326,018 bales.

NAVAL STORES

SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Firm $1.80.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm; hard, $3.25; dip, $4.75; virgin, $5.25.

RECEIPTS TODAY.

51 casks spirits turpentine.
249 barrels rosin.
74 barrels tar.
162 barrels crude turpentine.

RECEIPTS SAME DAY LAST YEAR.

25 casks spirits turpentine.
130 barrels rosin.
15 barrels tar.
130 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE.

BUTTER—28c.

COFFEE—9¼ to 11½c.

FLOUR—Straights $4.25 to $4.50; second patents $4.75; full patents $5.-25 to $5.35.

SALT—Prices car load lots, 100 lbs. C. F. 33c; 200 lbs. C. F. 66c; 200 lbs. F. F. 85c; less than car load lots, 100 lbs. C. F. 38c; 200 lbs. C. F. in cotton sacks 71c; 200 lbs. F. F. 95c.

MOLASSES—S. House 16c; New Orleans brights 24c; Porto Rico 31 to 35c; Cuba 25c.

SUGAR—Granulated $4.70; W. C. X. No. 5 $4.30; No. 7 $4.45; No. 9 $4.15; No. 11 $4.10.

LARD—(Tierce basis) pure 9; compound 7½c.

CORN—No. 2 white 71; No. 2 mixed 68 to 70c.

OATS—No. 2 mixed 45 to 48; white seed oats 50c.

HAY—No. 1 Timothy $20.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 70c; extra prime 70 to 80; fancy 85; Virginia, prime 40 to 45; fancy 55 to 60c.

BLACK EYES—$1.50.

FIELD PEAS—$1.25 to $1.35.

BEESWAX—27c.

EGGS—Firm 15c.

CHICKENS—Hens 35 to 40; springs 15 to 30.

SWEET POTATOES—60 to 65c.

N. C. BACON—Hams (old) 13 to 15; shoulders 10 to 11c; sides 9 to 10c.

SHINGLES—Per 1,000: 5-inch saps $2.00; 5-inch hearts $3.00; 6-inch saps $2.00; 6-inch hearts $4.00.

TIMBER:—

Per M Extra milling	$8 50 to $10 00
Mill prime	7 50 to 8 50
Mill fair	7 00 to 8 00
Common mill	6 00 to 7 50

LOGS—Select $8.00; No. 1 $7.50; knotty $4.50.

DAILY COTTON MARKET.

Port Movement.

Galveston steady at 11 9-16; net receipts 1,416 bales.

New Orleans quiet at 11¼; net receipts 1,790 bales.

Mobile quiet at 11¼; net receipts 1 590 bales.

Savannah quiet at 11¼; net receipts 3,122 bales.

Charleston firm at 11 3-16; net receipts 45 bales.

Wilmington steady at 11⅜; net receipts 1,043 bales.

Norfolk steady at 11 5-16; net receipts 416 bales.

Baltimore nominal at 11¾.

Boston quiet at 11.95; net receipts 8 bales.

Philadelphia steady at 12.20; net receipts 2 bales.

Newport News; net receipts 1,275 bales.

Miscellaneous; net receipts 240 bales.

New York, May 19.—New York quiet at 11.95; gross receipts 2,758 bales; sales 900 bales; stocks 155,600 bales.

Interior Movement.

Houston steady at 11 9-16; net receipts 682 bales.

Augusta dull at 11⅛; net receipts 227 bales.

Memphis steady at 11⅜; net receipts 42 bales.

St. Louis; net receipts 96 bales.

Cincinnati; net receipts 427 bales.

Louisville firm at 11⅝.

Total today; net receipts 1,474 bales; gross receipts 3,206 bales; shipments 4,766 bales; sales 1,330 bales; stocks 147,103 bales.

RECEIPTS AND EXPORTS.

New York, May 19.—Total today, at all ports, Net receipts 9,672 bales; exports to Great Britain 6,650 bales; exports to the Continent 2,480 bales; stocks 508,905 bales.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net receipts 9,672 bales; exports to Great Britain 6,650 bales; exports to the Continent 2,480 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, Net receipts 7,355,773 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,645,805 bales; exports to France 641,898 bales; exports to the Continent 2,335,817 bales; exports to Japan 115,379 bales; exports to Mexico 2,764 bales.

RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

New York, May 19.—Receipts of cotton at the ports today estimated 9,672 bales, against 13,041 last week, and 15,009 last year. For the week 75,000 bales, against 80,430 last week, and 134,380 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 1,790 bales, against 2,639 last year and at Houston 682 bales against 3,305 last year.

CLOSING OF COTTON.

New York, May 19.—Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 11.95; middling gulf 12.20; sales 900 bales. Futures quiet and steady. Prices ranged as follows:

	Open.	Close.
May	11.40	11.44
June	11.14	11.18
July	11.17	11.17
August	10.90	10.91
September	— —	10.47
October	10.58	10.60
November	— —	10.58
December	10.57	10.60
January	10.64	10.65
February	— —	10.67
March	10.72	10.75

THE LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool, May 19.—Cotton: Spot quiet, prices 7 points lower; American middling fair 6.64; good middling 6.40; middling 6.18; low middling 6.02; good ordinary 5.84; ordinary 5.64. Sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 5,800 American. Receipts none. Futures opened quiet and closed barely steady. 12:30 p. m. Closing: May 5.97; May and June 5.97; June and July 5.98; July and August 5.98; August and September 5.91; September and October 5.80; October and November 5.73; November and December 5.71; December and January 5.71; January and February 5.71; February and March 5.72; March and April 5.73.

MONEY MARKET.

New York, May 19.—Money on call nominal, no loans. Time loans steady sixty days 4¼ to 4½ per cent; ninety days and six months 4½ to 4¾. Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5½; sterling exchange $4.85.25 to $4.85.30 for demand and $4.82 to $4.82.05 for sixty day bills. Posted rates $4.83 to $4.86½. Commercial bills $4.81¾ to $4.82. Bar silver 67⅞. Mexican dollars 52¼.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET

New York, May 19.—FLOUR firm but quiet. Minnesota patents $4.30 to $4.60; do bakers $3.45 to $3.75. Winter patents $4.00 to $4.30. Rye flour firm $3.40 to $4.15.

CORN MEAL—Steady; fine $1.20; coarse $1.07 to $1.09; kiln dried $2.70 to $2.80.

WHEAT—Spot steady; No. 2 red 93 nominal elevator. Options unchanged. May 90½; July 88½; September 85½.

CORN—Spot firm; No. 2 57 nominal elevator. Options unchanged to ¼c. lower. May 56¾; July 54⅝; September 54⅝; December 53⅝.

OATS—Spot steady; mixed 38½ to 39c.

LARD—Easy; western prime $7.70 nominal. Refined easy. Continent $9.-15; compound 7 to 7⅝.

PORK—Steady; family $18.00; short clear $16.25 to $18.00; mess $16.50 to $17.25.

RICE—Steady; domestic 3½ to 6.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans 30 to 38.

COFFEE—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 7⅞; mild steady; Cordova 9¼ to 12½. Futures steady at 5 to 10 points decline.

SUGAR—Raw steady; fair refining 2 29-32 to 2 15-16; centrifugal 96 test 3 13-32 to 3 7-16; molasses sugar 2 21-32 to 2 11-16. Refined steady confectioners A $4.35; mold A $4.85; cut loaf $5.20; crushed $5.20; powdered $4.60; granulated $4.50; cubes $4.75.

BUTTER—Quiet.

CHEESE—Firm; full large best 9¾ to 10.

EGGS—Steady, unchanged.

COTTON SEED OIL—Was quiet, unchanged; prime crude f o b mills 31 nominal; do summer yellow 38½ to 39; prime white 41; prime winter yellow 41.

POTATOES—Irregular; Bermuda per barrel $3.60 to $5.00; southern $3.00 $5.00; state and western $2.15 to $2.30. European $1.75 to $2.00; Jersey sweets $1.50 to $2.00.

CABBAGES—Dull, unchanged.

PEANUTS—Steady, unchanged.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Chicago, May 19.—The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
May	84⅝	84¾	84½	84⅝
July	82⅝	83⅛	82⅝	83
Sept	80⅞	81	80⅝	80⅞
Corn No. 2—				
May	48¼	48⅜	48	48¼
July	47⅜	47½	47⅛	47¼
Sept	47⅝	47⅝	47⅛	47⅜
Oats No. 2—				
May	33⅝	33¾	33¼	33¾
July	32⅞	33⅜	32⅞	33⅜
Sept	30⅞	30½	30⅞	31½
Mess pork, per bbl.—				
May	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
July	15.55	15.60	15.55	15.57½
Sept	15.40	15.40	15.35	15.40
Lard, per 100 lbs.—				
May	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
July	8.65	8.65	8.57½	8.57½
Sept	8.80	8.80	8.72½	8.72½
Short Ribs, per lbs.—				
May	8.87½	8.90	8.87½	8.90
July	9.00	9.00	8.97½	9.00
Sept	9.00	9.02½	8.95	8.97½

COMING OF DOUBLE TRACK.

The Trunk Lines of the South Must Come to it.

The Southern Railway is actively at work double-tracking its line from Washington to Atlanta, much having already been accomplished, and it is predicted by a railroad journal that in ten years all of the trunk lines in the South will have double tracks. The same authority says the Atlantic Coast Line, the Queen & Cresent, the Illinois Central and the Louisville & Nashvile and other systems have plains for track-doubling under inspection, as an expansion of the spection. As an explanation of the reason for this explosion on the part of the transportation lines. The Birmingham, Ala., Ledger says:

"The truth is the productiveness of the South has increased so rapidly of late years that the railroads find it hard to meet the transportation demand with single tracks. Complaints of the inadequency of shipping facilities are growing more numerous each year. Thousands of dollars of strawberries and other trucking products had to be thrown away last year because the cars were not available for shipment. The fruit season opens almost every year with complaints of the shortage of cars. The double track system will greatly facilitate the shipping and will remove much of the difficulty along this line. Not only is the freight traffic on all the principal railroads increasing setadily, but the passenger traffic is very much heavier, so that it is not unreasonable to look for the double tracking of nearly all the large railroad systems in the South in the next few years."

This section has developed its producing facilities a great deal faster than the railroads have been able to improve their service, as rapid as that has been within the past decade. Now it is perhaps true that the trunk lines are doing a double track-business on single-track roads. It will be a great thing for the South when all the principal roads have double-track lines.—Charlotte Observer.

SUICIDES IN HOTEL

D. E. Burch, of Farmville, Takes Morphine and Dies in Hotel Farrar at Tarboro.

Last night D. E. Burch formerly a hotel keeper in Washingkton but later a resident of Farmville registered at Hotel Farrar. About noon today he was found dead in his room. Investigtion by Dr. Thigpen the coroner, disclosed the fact that he had committed suicide. An eight-ounce morphine bottle was found in the room with only a small quantity of morphine therein. Deceased has a family living in Farmville.—Tarboro Special to Charlotte Observer.

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