STOCK MARKET WAS BUOYANT.

Material Advances in Standard Stocks Closing at Best Prices.

SUGAR SHOWS EARLY WEAKNESS

But Is Soon Carried Above Last Night—Commission House Business Was Larger Than of Late—Bonds Showed a Healthful Tone.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—There were advances in stock prices to-day, which were material in the standard stocks, and the market left off buoyant at the best. Transactions reached nearly a million shares for the first time in some weeks. Some hesitancy was manifest at the opening in view of the possibility of foreign developments which might follow the death of the President of the French Republic. The fractional declines in the London and local market were checked when Paris appeared as a buyer in London, which had a reassuring effect. Necessarily weak features in the early trading were Sugar, Tobacco and Burlington. These stocks were soon followed by buyers in haste and carried well above last night's, the rise from the lowest reaching 7½ in Tobacco and 6½ in Burlington. Many traders viewed the action of yesterday's market as indicating a resumption of a bull movement, and purchased stocks. The fact that St. Paul's earnings for the second week in February increased somewhat in spite of the snow-storm along its route relieved it as a leader in the day's strength, and it advanced 2½, and Rock Island, too, rose over 2 points. Among the higher-class investment shares, which were generally strong, Pennsylvania advanced 2%. Central and Southern Pacific's strength was a reflection on the expectation of a settlement with the Government. Missouri Pacific also was strong, while Union and Northern Pacific showed heaviness throughout. The plans which were supposed to be under way to better regulate the anthracite trade seemed to affect Reading first preferred, which advanced about 2 points. Philadelphia advices of new subscription privileges for stock lifted Metropolitan Street railway some 5 points, while Third Avenue rose even more. Among the usually inactive stocks there was a rise of 5% in Long Island railway. London was a moderate seller on balance. Many of the leading brokers were instrumental in advancing prices to-day, and commission-house business was considerable larger than of late, with many odd-lot bulls taken hold again.

The bond market betrayed a healthful tone in all quarters, with the absorption of the new Atchison issues very marked. Total sales, $3,125,000. United States 4's and the new 4's declined ½ in the bid price.

The total sales of stocks were 945,200 shares, including 6,020 Atchison, 23,520 do. preferred, 40,720 Central Pacific, 108,150 Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 5,140 Rio Grande, 5,120 Manhattan, 13,530 Metropolitan Street railway, 58,600 Reading first preferred, 16,800 Missouri Pacific, 6,000 Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville preferred, 15,320 New York Central, 20,720 Northern Pacific, 5,137 Ontario and Western, 24,200 Rock Island, 18,120 Union Pacific, 81,520 St. Paul, 20,320 Southern Pacific, 8,870 Southern railway preferred, 14,020 Union Pacific preferred, 13,000 American Cotton Oil, 67,750 American Tobacco, 43,830 Federal Steel, 24,020 do. preferred, 12,630 People's Gas, 23,220 Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 22,120 Sugar, 9,050 Chicago Great Western.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.—Money on call steady at 2@3½ per cent; last loan 2½, and closing offered at 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 7@8 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86@4.86⅛ for demand and at $4.84@4.84⅛ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.87@4.87½; commercial bills, $4.83@4.83¼. Silver certificates, 59½@60½; bar silver, 59⅞; Mexican dollars, 47½. Government bonds weak; State bonds inactive; railroad bonds irregular.

BANK CLEARINGS.—The total bank clearings in the United States for the week were $1,362,021,001, per cent. increase 23. Exclusive of New York, $553,294,061, per cent. increase, 4.9.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Stocks.
Atchison	29⅞
Atchison pfd	69⅞
Baltimore and Ohio	70
Canada Pacific	86⅝
Canada Southern	60
Central Pacific	34⅝
Ches. and Ohio	25⅝
Chi. and Alton	171½
Chi., B. and Q.	147⅞
Chi. and E. Ill.	96½
Chi. and E. Ill. pfd	118½
Chi., Gas.	92
Chi., Ind. and L.	9⅞
Chi., Ind. and L. pfd	45½
Chi. and N. W.	151½
Chi. and N. W. pfd	161½
C., C., C. and St. L.	69⅞
C., C., C. and St. L. pfd	98⅞
Del. and Hudson	117
Del., L. and W.	160
Den. and Rio G.	27
Den. and Rio G. pfd	74½
Erie (new)	14⅞
Erie (new) 1st pfd	38⅞
Fort Wayne	178
Great Northern pfd	182
Hocking Valley	17
Illinois Central	117½
Lake Erie and W.	20½
Lake Erie and W. pfd	69½
Lake Shore	200½
Long Island	62
Manhattan L.	113⅞
Met. Street Ry.	242⅞
Michigan Central	118
Minn. and St. L.	4⅞
Minn. and St. L. 1st pfd	98
Mo. Pacific	46⅞
Mobile and Ohio	40½
Mex. N. and T.	14
Mex. N. and T. pfd	30
N. J. Central	104½
N. Y. Central	130⅞
N. Y., Chi. and St. L.	14
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 1st pfd	65
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 2d pfd	34
Nor. West	189
N. and W. pfd	66⅞
North American Co.	8⅞
No. Pacific	51
No. Pacific pfd	75½
Ontario and W.	19⅞
Ore. R. and Nav.	47
Ore. Short Line	40½
Pacific Coast 1st pfd	87½
Pacific Coast 2d pfd	62
Pittsburg	178
Reading	32⅞
Reading 1st pfd	65⅞
Rio Grande and W.	27
Rio Grande and W. pfd	76
Rock Island	128⅞
St. Louis and S. F.	17½
St. Louis and S. F. 1st pfd	72
St. Louis and S. F. 2d pfd	47½
St. Louis and S. W.	10½
St. Louis and S. W. pfd	30½
St. Paul	130
St. Paul pfd	169
St. P. and Om.	109⅞
St. P. and Om. pfd	171
Southern Railway	11⅞
Southern Ry.	29⅞
Southern Ry. pfd	90⅞
Texas and Pacific	21½
Union Pacific	38⅞
Union Pacific pfd	81
U. P., D. and G.	17⅞
Wabash	6½
Wabash pfd	22½
Wheel. and L. E.	11⅞
Wheel. and L. E. pfd	32½
EXPRESS COMPANIES.	
Adams Express	110
American Express	140
United States	54
Wells-Fargo	125
MISCELLANEOUS.	
A. Cot. Oil	57
A. Cot. Oil pfd	91½
American Spirits	13½
American Spirits pfd	16½
American Tobacco	124
American Tobacco pfd	135
Cons. Gas	206
Con. Cable Co.	185
Col. F. and Iron	34½
Col. F. and Iron pfd	75
General Electric	172½
Haw. (Com.) Co.	70
Illinois Steel	44½
International Paper	17
International Paper pfd	88½
La Clede Gas	33
Lead	30⅞
Lead pfd	114½
Nat. Lin Oil	9
Pacific Mail	31½
People's Gas	114½
Pullman Palace	161
Silver Certificates	59½

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Western Union	85
Federal Steel	51½
Federal Steel pfd	87⅞
Oregon Navigation pfd	73
Pacific Coast	48
Colorado Southern	7
Colorado Southern 1st pfd	26⅞
Colorado Southern 2d pfd	21
Standard Oil	473
BONDS.	
U. S. new 5's	106⅞
U. S. new 4's, reg	127⅞
U. S. new 4's, coup	127⅞
U. S. 4's	112⅞
U. S. 4's, coup	112⅞
U. S. 2's	99
U. S. 5's, reg	111⅞
U. S. 5's, coup	111⅞
District 10-65's	118
Alabama (Class A)	107
Alabama (Class B)	107
Alabama (Class C)	100
Alabama Currency	100
Atchison 4's	102½
Atchison Adj. 4's	90
Can. So. 2's	106½
C. and Ohio 6's	50
Chicago Terminal 4's	95½
C. and Ohio 5's	118½
C., H. and D. 4½'s	101⅞
D. and R. G. 1st's	108⅞
D. and R. G. 4's	101½
East Tenn. 1st's	104½
Erie General 4's	77
F. W. and D. 1st's, C.	85
General Electric 5's	115⅞
G. H. and S. A. 6's	109
G. H. and S. A. 2ds	110
H. and T. C. 5's	110½
H. and T. C. Con. 6's	111
Iowa C. 1sts	107
La., new consols 4's	100⅞
L. and N. Uni. 4's	96⅞
Pacific Cos. 4's	113⅞
M., K. and T. 2ds	68⅞
M., K. and T. 4's	94⅞
N. Y. Central 1sts	116⅞
N. J. C. 5's	117
North Carolina 6's	130
North Carolina 4's	104
No. Pac. 1sts	115
No. Pac. 3's	68⅞
No. Pac. 4's	93⅞
N. Y. C. and St. L. 4's	107
Nor. and W. 6's	130
Northwestern consols	143
Northwestern Deb. 5's	122
O. Nav. 1sts	110
O. Nav. 4's	102⅞
O. S. Line 6's, U. S.	128½
O. S. Line 5's, U. S.	111
Reading 4's	88⅞
St. L. S. W. 1sts	90
St. Louis and I. M. Con. 5's	110⅞
St. L. and San Fran. Gen. 6's	123⅞
St. P. Con.	162⅞
St. Paul C. and P. 1sts	119
St. Paul S. F.	120½
Southern Ry. 5's	105⅞
Standard Rope and Twine 6's	88
Tenn. new settlement 3's	78
Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	111½
Tex. Pac. reg. 2ds	50⅞
T., P. D. and Gulf 1sts	87⅞
Wabash 1st 5's	114⅞
Wabash 2ds	97
W. Shore 4's	112½
Virginia Centuries	84½
Virginia Centuries deferred	7
Wis. Central	69⅞
Mobile and Ohio 4's	80⅞
N. and W. consols 4's	95⅞
Union Pacific 4's	101⅞
Central of Ga. 5's	100
Central of Ga. 1st Ind	47½
Central of Ga. 2d Ind	13
Colorado Southern 4's	80⅞

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 17, 1899.

SALES—10 shares Virginia-Carolina Chemical preferred at 119; 10 shares do. at 118½.

GOV. SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4's, R. and C., 1907	112	...
U. S. 5's, R. and C., 1925	107	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's, C., 1919	106½	...
North Carolina 6's, C., 1919	134	...
Va. 3's, new, C. and R., 1932	...	56
Va. Century, 2-3, C. and R.		86
CITY SECURITIES.		
Rich. City 8's, R., 1894-1910	123	...
Rich. City 6's, R., 1901-1910	117	...
Rich. City 5's, R., 1920-1922	113	...
Rich. City 4's, R., 1920-1929	107	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. and C. 1st 7's, R., 1907	119	...
A. and C. Ga. 1st 6's, R., 1909	103	...
Ga. So. and Fla. 5's, 1945	109	...
Fed. Class A, 5's, R. C., 1926	115	...
Fed. Class B 6's, R. C., 1926	123	...
Rich. and Meck. 1st 6's, 1921	75	...
Southern Ry. 1st 5's, 1994	100	...
W. N. C. 1st 6's, C., 1914	117	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd. 5's	107½	...
Ga. and Ala. consols	109	101½
Rich. Traction 5's, 1925	106	...
N. and W. 1st-M. Con. 4 p. c.	92	...
Norfolk Street Ry. 1st 5's	108	...
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Bid.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	121
Ches. and Ohio	100	25
North Carolina	100	145
N. and W. pfd	100	47½
A., C. L. of Va.	100	45
A., C. L. of Va.—T.		125
R. and P. and R., F. and P. Connelling	70	110
R., F. and P. com.	100	150
R., F. and P. Div. 0fd.	100	150
R., F. and P. 6 p. c. guar.	100	150
R., F. and P. 7 p. c. guar.	100	160
Southern Ry. pfd	100	50
Southern Ry. com.	100	13
Ga. and Ala. pfd	100	50½
Ga. and Ala. com.	100	26
Ga. So. and Fla. 1st pfd	100	95
Ga. So. and Fla. 2d pfd	100	65
Norfolk Street Ry. Co.	50	56
BANK STOCKS.		
Citizens Exchange	25	27½
City	25	29
First National	100	165
Merchants National	100	205
Metropolitan	25	24½
National Bank of Va.	100	99½
Planters National	100	265
Pet. Sav. and Ins. Co.	20	49
Security	100	110
State Bank of Va.	100	145
Union Bank of Richmond	50	121
Virginia Trust Co.	100	112½
Savings Bank of Richmond	25	39½
Rich. T. and S. D. Co., new	111	115
INS. COMPANIES.		
Va. Fire and Marine	25	38
Virginia State	25	28
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Amer. Tob. Co. pfd	100	130
Amer. Tob. Co. com.	50	133
Old Dominion S. S. Co.	100	90
Sloss I. S. Co. 1st bonds	97½	105
Sloss I. S. Co. 2d Mort.	73	...
Sloss I. S. Co. stock	100	33
Va.-Caro. Chem. pfd	100	118½
Va.-Caro. Chem. com.	100	77½

* Quotations are for bonds maturing in not less than ten years.

NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 17.—PEANUTS—Farmers' stock—Fancy, 3½c. pound; strictly prime, 3c. pound; prime, 2½@2⅝c. pound; common, none offered. Spanish—Shelled, 90c. per bushel. Tone of market firm; offerings very light.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—COTTON—There was a good deal of realizing at the Cotton Exchange to-day, but in the afternoon a much steadier feeling prevailed, in the face of pronounced weakness developed at Liverpool, which market reported a decline of 30@1-16. This started out the market at a decline of 4 points. Subsequently trading was heavily influenced by selling orders from abroad and from the South at the lowest level of the market, a decline of 7@10 points was apparent. The weak feeling was at one time increased by statements that planters were buying fertilizers more freely, and were getting ready for active work on the new crop. The weather reports were also bearish, and a larger movement of cotton was predicted. The death of President Faure, according to private cables, largely explained the pronounced weakness in the English market. For a while this had a depressing influence, but later there was a general recovery, and prices recovered to within a few points of the final figures of yesterday, in spite of vigorous resistance on the part of the bear contingent. The afternoon market got a good lift in the way of advices from the South reporting favorable conditions in the spot market. Encouraging accounts were also received from American spinners and from print cloth markets. New Orleans was an active seller, especially during the morning. Some of the larger shorts covered quite freely at the decline of the morning, and a few of them took the leading side of the account. The market was finally steady, 3 to 7 points lower, having again settled at the end of the day under light realizing.

COTTON—Futures opened easy; February, 6.33; March, 6.29; April, 6.27; May, 6.26; June, 6.25; July, 6.27; August, 6.29; September, 6.10; October, 6.21; November, 6.18; December, 6.20.

Futures closed steady; February, 6.28; March, 6.29; April, 6.27; May, 6.26; June, 6.27; July, 6.28; August, 6.31; September, 6.19; October, 6.20; November, 6.19; December, 6.21; January, 6.23.

Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands, 6⅞; do. gulf, 6¾; sales, 200 bales.

COTTON—Dull; middling, 6⅝; net receipts, 21 bales; gross, 5,271 bales; sales, 200 bales; stock, 109,984 bales; exports to the Continent, 377 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts, 13,610 bales; exports to Great Britain, 20,602 bales; to France, 8,351 bales; to the Continent, 9,834 bales; stock, 916,812 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts, 68,650 bales; exports to Great Britain, 68,078 bales; to France, 9,063 bales; to the Continent, 42,151 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 6,981,741 bales; exports to Great Britain, 2,877,815 bales; to France, 625,548 bales; to the Continent, 2,087,081 bales.

COTTON—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1898:

	Bales.
Galveston	2,071,133
New Orleans	1,728,910
Mobile	231,998
Savannah	962,428
Charleston	342,157
Wilmington	285,197
Norfolk	517,770
Baltimore	26,323
New York	97,871
Boston	251,979
Newport News	14,513
Philadelphia	31,965
Brunswick	292,242
Port Arthur	19,586
Pensacola	111,598
Port Royal	29,805
Total	6,981,741

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—COTTON—Futures quiet and steady; February, 5.90 bid; March, 5.89@5.91; April, 5.92@5.94; May, 5.96@5.97; June, 5.97@5.98; July, 5.99 @6.00; August, 5.96@5.97; September, 5.87@ 5.89; October, 5.89@5.90; November, 5.88@ 5.91; December, 5.91@5.93.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—COTTON—Spot in fair demand; prices favor buyers; American middling 3 7-16d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 9,900 American. Receipts, 10,200 bales, all American.

Futures opened quiet, with a moderate demand, and closed steady; American middling l. m. c., February, 3 29-64, buyers; February and March, 3 29-64, buyers; March and April, 3 29-64, buyers; April and May, 3 31-64, buyers; May and June, 3 31-64@3 32-64, buyers; June and July, 3 32-64, buyers; July and August, 3 33-64, sellers; August and September, 3 33-64, sellers; September and October, 3 33-64, value; October and November, 3 33-64, value; November and December, 3 33-64, buyers; December and January, 3 33-64, buyers.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—FLOUR—Market disclosed a weak undertone, with buyers and sellers 10@20c. apart; very light demand; Minnesota, $3.35@3.40.

RYE FLOUR—Dull.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Steady but quiet at $2.

CORNMEAL—Steady.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 65c.

BARLEY—Dull; western feeding, 47@48½c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull.

WHEAT—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 85½c. Options had a firm start on foreign demand for March, but soon developed a weakness that lasted all day. In addition to crop news of a bearish character, wheat came out more freely, and bears extended short accounts by hammering them vigorously; closed 1@⅞c. net lower and weak; March closed at 83⅞c.; May closed at 77c.; July closed at 75⅞c.

CORN—Spot firm; No. 2, 42⅞@44½c. Options weakened badly to-day by liquidation, resulting from prospective big receipts next week, heavy Chicago stock and the break in wheat, closing ⅝c. net lower; May closed at 40⅞c.; July closed at 41½c.

OATS—Spot quiet; No. 2, 35½c. Options unchanged.

BEEF—Firm; family, $10@11; extra mess, $8@9; beef hams, $19.50; packet, $9.50@10.

CUT MEATS—Steady; pickled bellies, 5@5⅝; pickled shoulders, $4.25@4.50; pickled hams, 6@6½c.

LARD—Easy; western steamed, $5.45; February, $5.40 nominal. Refined quiet.

PORK—Steady.

BUTTER—Steady; western creamery, 16@22c.; factory, 11@14c.; Elgin, 22c.; imitation creamery, 13@18c.; State dairy, 13@21c.

CHEESE—Steady; large white, 10½c.

EGGS—Steady; State and Pennsylvania, 20c.; western fresh, 20c.; southern, 20c.

POTATOES—Firm; New York, $1.37½@2; Long Island, $1.50@2; sweets, Jersey, $2.25@3.50.

COTTON-SEED OIL—Steady; prime crude, 29@29½c.

PETROLEUM—Dull.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, $1.30@1.32½.

TURPENTINE—Firm at 45½@46c.

RICE—Firm.

CABBAGE—Steady at $338 per 100.

COFFEE—Options opened steady at unchanged prices; ruled moderately active; trading restrained by closing Havre market on account of President Faure's death; local evening up, caused rather more activity in afternoon, but no outside speculation or new features. Market scarcely varied 5 points all day; closed steady and unchanged; sales, 13,750 bags, including March, at 5.45; August, 5.80. Spot—Rio dull; No. 7 invoice, 6⅝c.; No. 7 jobbing, 7c.; mild quiet; Cordova, 7½@ 7½c.

SUGAR—Raw firm; fair refining, 3 1-16c.; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 5-16c.; molasses sugar, 2⅞c. Refined steady.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Accumulating stocks and enlarging farmers' deliveries broke the market for the bulls in corn to-day, and heaviness in corn depressed wheat, each closing with a loss of ⅞c. Oats are ⅜c. lower. Provisions are a shade lower all around.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2				
May	73½	73⅝	72⅞	72⅞
July	72	72	70⅞	71
CORN—No. 2				
May	36⅞	36⅞	35⅞	36
July	37	37⅛	36⅝	36½
Sept.	37⅞	37⅞	37	37
OATS—No. 2				
May	28⅛	28⅛	27⅞	27⅞
July	25	25	25⅛	25⅛
MESS PORK—Bbl.				
May	$9.92½	$9.95	$9.85	$9.92½
LARD—100 lbs.				
May	5.57½	5.57½	5.52½	5.57½
July	5.67½	5.67½	5.65	5.67½
Sept.	5.77½	5.80	5.77½	5.80
SHORT RIBS—100 lbs.				
May	4.95	4.95	4.92½	4.95
July	...	...	...	5.07½
Sept.	5.17½	5.20	5.17½	5.20

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull and unchanged; No. 2 yellow corn, 35@35½c.; No. 2 spring wheat, 67@70c.; No. 3 spring wheat, 65@70c.; No. 2 red, 72@73c.; No. 2 corn, 34⅞@35c.; No. 2 oats, 27½c.; No. 2 white, 30½@31c.; No. 3 white, 29⅞@30½c.; No. 2 rye, 50½c.; No. 2 barley, 42@51c.; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.17; Northwest, $1.20; prime timothy seed, $245; mess pork, per barrel, $9.75@9.80; lard, per 100 pounds, $5.40@5.45; short ribs sides (loose), $4.65@4.85; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.37½; short clear sides (boxed), $5@5.10, whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.25; sugars, cut loaf, $5.70; butter firm; creamery, 14@23c.; dairy, 11½@18c.; eggs firm; fresh, 20c.; cheese steady; creams, 9⅞@11c.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 17.—FLOUR—Firm and unchanged.

WHEAT—Dull; No. 2 red, spot and month, 75½@75c.; March, 76@76⅛c.; May, 77⅛c. Southern, by sample, 71@76½c.

CORN—Easy; mixed spot, 38½@38⅝c.; month, 38½@38⅝c.; March, 38½@38c.; April, 39⅛@39⅜c. Southern white corn, 37@38½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white western, 37@ 37½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 nearby, 66@61c.; No. 2 western, 63c.

SUGAR—Strong and unchanged.

BUTTER—Steady and unchanged.

EGGS—Firm at 22@23c. per dozen.

CHEESE—Steady and unchanged.

LETTUCE—$1.25 per bushel box.

WHISKY—Unchanged.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—There is no check to the strong tone of the market for cotton goods. The demand to-day has been of fully average dimensions, even though storm obstructions have not all been removed. Utica and Mohawk wide sheetings advanced 5 per cent, and some leading makes of cambrics and drills advanced ½c. per yard. Prints are very strong, and orders for goods not in stock taken at value only. Print cloths bid for at 2⅝c. for regulars without sellers. No change in woollen goods situation. Burlaps strong.

NAVAL STORES.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 17.—TURPENTINE—Market quiet at 45½c.; sales, none.

ROSIN—Steady and unchanged; sales, none.

SAVANNAH, GA., Feb. 17.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm at 45½c.; sales, 100 casks; receipts, 199 casks.

ROSIN—Firm and unchanged; sales, 300 barrels; receipts, 1,710 bales.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 17.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Steady at 43½@ 44c.; receipts, 16 casks.

ROSIN—Firm at 90@95c.; receipts, 35 barrels.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

TAR—Steady at $1; receipts, 68 barrels.

TOBACCO EXCHANGE,
Richmond, Va., Feb. 17, 1899.

Private sales reported to the secretary of the Richmond Tobacco Trade to-day were light.

The tobacco inspector reports light sampling.

Seabrook's, Alleghany and Shockoe tobacco warehouses report to-day: Receipts, 3 packages; deliveries, 57 packages.

United States internal revenue collections on tobaccos for the city of Richmond, Va., to-day: Cigars and cigarettes, $93,187.70; plug tobacco, $5,865.48. Total, $14,382.18.

The New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin of Thursday, February 16, 1899, says:

Liggett & Myers, the tobacco firm of St. Louis which was recently purchased by the Union Tobacco Company, has sent to its customers a circular letter, in which the concern attacks trusts, combinations and pools, and asserts that it is opposed to them on principle.

The circular concludes by stating that none of its brands is made by a trust, and that the concern will continue to run an independent factory.

It was generally believed by Wall street men that the circular was issued on the theory that the Union Tobacco Company, which is a competitor of the American Tobacco Company, was not a trust or a combination, but was a regularly incorporated commercial company.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Saturday, Feb. 18, 1899.

Jefferson Davis inaugurated, 1861.

Sun rises	6.55 A. M.
Sun sets	5.52 P. M.
Moon south	7.23 P. M.
First high water	11.21 A. M.
Second high water	11.20 P. M.

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ARRIVED.

Schooner E. H. Weaver, New Haven.
Schooner J. P. Blackburn, Boston.
Schooner E. E. Briary, Boston.
Schooner Agnes E. Manson, Boston.
Steamer Fridtjof Nansen, Cienfuegos.
Steamer Newlyn, New York.
Steamer Greenbrier, London.
Steamer Paris, New York.
Steamer Orion, Boston.
Steamer Kong Frode, Port Antonio.
Steamer Jamaica, Port Antonio.
Steamer Straits of Menai, Rotterdam.
Steamer Australia, Rotterdam.

Death From Blood Poison.

LEETOWN, W. VA., Feb. 15.—Special.—Strother Ramey, twelve years of age, son of Mr. Isaac Ramey, a highly esteemed citizen of Leetown, died this morning at 2 o'clock after an illness of only a few days. The cause is supposed to be blood poisoning from a rising in his ear, which discharged internally.

Mr Ramey lost his wife last April and has the sympathy of the whole community in this succession of afflictions.

Coal Donated.

WEST POINT, VA., Feb. 17.—Special.—Mr. Reuben Foster, manager of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Richmond Steamboat Company, donated a car-load of coal to the authorities of West Point for the use of the sufferers during the storm.

The Town Council returned a vote of thanks to Mr. Foster through Mr. B. W. Hefferon, the company's agent at West Point.

Deaths in Carroll.

GLADESBORO, VA., Feb. 16.—Special.—Mr. Thomas Ayres, one of the oldest and best known men of this vicinity, dropped dead suddenly a few days since.

Conor Bowmanmisled the 16th of February of consumption. He was about 18 years old and was a good boy and beloved by all who knew him.

Mrs. Rhoda Porties, daughter of W. L. Marshall, of this place, died a few days since of consumption.

Spring Election in Floyd.

FLOYD, VA., Feb. 16.—Special.—There is much interest in the spring elections. Clerk, treasurer, sheriff, and constables are to be elected. Only one candidate for the clerkship has been announced, Mr. J. W. Elliott, the present clerk, who was appointed last November to succeed his father, Dr. R. P. Elliott, deceased. Mr. Elliott has been deputy clerk for many years.

The Elks' Smoker.

A smoker will be held at the Elks Home Club, corner of Eleventh and Marshall streets between 8 and 12 o'clock to-night. All members of the lodge and their friends are invited.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

ANNUAL MEETING

Portsmouth, Va., February 28th.

For the above occasion the Norfolk and Western Railway, the "Only-All-Rail-Line," will sell round-trip tickets to Norfolk at $3.50. Tickets on sale February 26th, 27th and 28th, good for return passage until March 6, 1899. Double daily service each way. Trains leave Richmond (Cannon Ball) at 9:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Returning, leave Norfolk at 7:40 A. M. and 4:25 P. M. (Cannon Ball). For full information apply to the Richmond Transfer Company, 903 east Main street; Ticket Agent, Byrd-Street (Union) depot, or at Company's office, corner Ninth and Main streets.

R. W. COURTNEY,
Dist. Pass. Agent.

RESUMPTION OF THROUGH FREIGHT SERVICE TO NORTHERN AND EASTERN POINTS.

The Pennsylvania railroad having removed the blockade, the R., F. and P. railroad is now prepared to dispatch all freight as usual to and from all points.

W. P. TAYLOR,
Traffic Manager.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Owens & Minor Drug Company.

MONEY WAS OF LITTLE AVAIL.

Citizens of Newport News Able to Pay But Could Not Get Food or Fuel.

MR. HUNTINGTON TO THE RESCUE

He Offers One Thousand Dollars to the Relief Fund, Which, Fortunately, Was Not Needed—The Paris in Port for Her Overhauling.

NEWPOR NEWS, Feb. 17.—Special.—The work of relieving the suffering caused by the storm in Newport News has been practically completed. As a mater of fact, there was not a very great amount of suffering from actual want of money, for most of the people in the city are working and have money; but hundreds of cases were found where people had money in their pockets to pay for food and fuel, the only trouble being that they could not get the supplies delivered to them. There is still some money left over from the fund raised by the citizens, and the Relief Committee will not find it necessary to draw on Mr. W. J. Payne for the $200 which he kindly offered.

MR. HUNTINGTON CHARITABLE.

It was not known until to-day that Mr. C. P. Huntington, "The Father of Newport News," had instructed his representative here to draw on him for $1,000 for the relief fund, if that amount was needed. The committee had on hand more cash than was necessary, so it did not take advantage of the generosity of the magnate. It is a striking evidence of the regard that Mr. Huntington has for this city. Up in New York he is being daily besieged by charity workers and others for money to relieve distress, and has responded freely; but he did not forget Newport News, and when he heard that there was suffering here, without waiting to be asked, he wired instructions, authorizing his representative to draw on him for the amount named. Curiously enough, it is due to Mr. Huntington himself that his donation was not required, for the fact that he is furnishing work to so many people, made money comparatively plentiful, and obviated the necessity for much alms-giving.

BUSINESS MEN'S OFFICERS.

The Business Men's Association met this afternoon at 4 o'clock and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, W. B. West; First Vice-President, R. P. Orr; Third Vice-President, President, R. P. Orr; third Vice-President, E. Peyser. Board of Directors—W. A. Post, C. D. West, T. B. Healey, J. A. Hirshberg, J. A. Buxton, R. G. Bickford, George E. Via and Dr. W. F. Cooper, together with the above-named officers. Mr. E. W. Huffman was re-elected secretary by the Board of Directors.

The Chesapeake and Ohio liner Gresuhrier arrived this morning from Liverpool, eight days overdue. The vessel was delayed on account of storms and thick weather, but suffered no material damage. A very rough voyage is reported.

THE PARIS IN DRY DOCK.

The American liner Paris, formerly the Yale, arrived this morning at 9 o'clock for her annual overhauling. She will go into dry dock at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The Peninsula Construction Company, referred to yesterday as having organized was this afternoon granted a charter by Judge Barham, of the Corporation Court. The company proposes to do a general contracting business—to build railroads, sewers, wharves, telephone and telegraph lines, and the like, and to buy sell and operate the same. It is not permitted to own more than one thousand acres of land and has its principal offices in this city.

COUNTRY COMPARED WITH TOWN

People on the Farm Live in a Hand to Mouth Way.

KING WILLIAM C. H., VA., Feb. 16.—Special.—We frequently read of the suffering of the poor in the cities and appeals for their relief during such severe weather as has prevailed of late, but probably many hundreds of families in the country are in worse condition now than those in the cities, for those in the city can be quickly relieved by the liberal and well-to-do who are near at hand and organized for the exercise of charity.

It is strange that it should be so, but the fact remains that a large proportion of the country people make but little provision in the way of fuel to meet such an emergency as now faces them, and the consequence is discomfort and suffering. The habit of cutting and hauling wood as necessity requires is very common among farmers, and this failure to provide in advance has been keenly felt during the present bitter spell of weather.

Many farmers have been trying to save the birds by feeding them for the past week, but now the prospect is that they are doomed. Many of them must perish, and so, with the r