SUGAR WENT UP LIKE A ROCKET.

And the Sensational Rise Caused Many Other Material Gains.

WILD DAY ON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Aggregate Trading Reached Almost a Million Shares—Various Rumors Were Afloat as to the Movement in Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The sensational rise in Sugar was largely responsible for the elimination of much of the short interest in the rest of the list, material gains appearing, notably among the specialties, but there were recessions from the best, and the market closed under the best, and the market closed under pressure. It was a wild day on the exchange, Sugar figuring for over a quarter of a million shares, with the aggregate trading reaching nearly a million shares. The market was movin cautiously upward when Sugar burst into prominence and touched 140, a rise of 29¾ points over last night, and 11 points above the September boom prices of 1897. The stock closed at 179½. The fluctuations were erratic, an instance in point being the drop of 30 points on two transactions from the high point. A trader sold short 300 of the thousand shares traded in at 170, and within a moment covered at 160, the only intermediate transaction being 100 shares at 169. Thus the broker realized 3,000 on his short sale. There were various rumors connected with the movement in Sugar, among them the report that the trade war had been settled; that an agreement had been reached with the Glucose Refining Company and the Doscher and Arbuckle interests. People in the trade generally discredited the rumors, professing ignorance of any deal upon which they would likely be posted were it in existence. Local interests identified with the concerns mentioned likewise discredited the reports, except in the case of the president of the sugar refining company, who made no statement before the market closed. In some quarters the movement was attributed to a corner in the stock and a punishment of the shorts, while, on the other hand, a house which was active in the dealings, claimed to be ignorant of the reason for the advance, but thought it too great in magnitude to have been merely a manouvre against the shorts. Tobacco, after yielding 7½ points, made an extreme rise of 10½ to 216, in sympathy with the movement in Sugar. Glucose also rose 9 points to 75, coincident with the movement in Sugar. New York Air Brake touched 200, a rise of 15 points; Metropolitan jumped 5½ to 258½; Third-Avenue rose 7 to 218¾; Manhattan 8 to 112½; Brooklyn Transit 2¾ to 162; Consolidated Gas 6½ to 221, and Burlington 4½ to 142¾. The other grangers sympathized in a lesser degree in the advance. Four per cent. was the loaning rate for call money the greater part of the day, although some loans were made at 3½ per cent. The stiffening of the money rate dampened the ardor of the speculators and caused the recession in the later trading, although at the close money on call was 3@3½ per cent. The buoyancy of the general market caused a resumption of commission-house purchases, which were largely responsible for the rise in the grangers in the closing hour.

The bond market shared to some extent in the upward movement, but there were some weak spots, which gave the general trading an irregular aspect. Total sales, $3,325,000. United States 3's improved ⅛, while the new 4's registered reacted ⅛ and do. coupon ¼ in the bid price.

The total sales of stocks were 947,800 shares, including 43,500 Atchison preferred; 9,900 Central Pacific; 25,400 Manhattan; 17,800 Metropolitan Street railway; 10,250 Reading first preferred; 6,250 New York Central; 5,050 North American; 12,948 Northern Pacific; 5,470 Ontario and Western; 6,650 Union Pacific; 8,595 do. preferred; 7,320 Rock Island; 31,840 St. Paul; 11,650 Southern railway preferred; 9,300 American Steel and Wire preferred; 28,450 American Tobacco; 10,200 Federal Steel; 20,725 do. preferred; 40,440 People's Gas; 10,500 Consolidated Gas; 17,425 Brooklyn Rapid Transit; 27,351 Sugar; 18,628 Tennessee Coal and Iron.

To-day's money transfers between banks at the clearing-house in payment of debit balances for the day was $17,413,862, which is the largest transfer of the kind on the records of the institution. On January 17th, when the total check exchanges were the largest ever recorded, the balance payments were only $14,401,281, and the high record until to-day was $17,165,332, on the 4th of last January. Total exchanges to-day were $23,385,685, against $26,341,521 on January 17th. The volume of bonds for payment to-day was due to the Chicago and Alton purchase.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.—Money on call firm at 3@3½ per cent.; last loan at 4 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.85½@4.85¾ for demand and at $4.80½@4.82¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.84¾ and $4.86@4.86½; commercial bills, $4.82@4.82¾. Silver certificates, 60@60⅝; bar silver, 59¾; Mexican dollars, 47⅛. Government bonds irregular; State bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Closing Stocks.
Atchison	21
Atchison pfd	6 .0⅝
Baltimore and Ohio	99
Canada Pacific	86⅞
Canada Southern	57¾
Central Pacific	40¼
Ches. and Ohio	20¾
Chicago and Alton	140
Chi., R. and Q.	141⅞
Chi. and E. Ill.	61
Chi. and E. Ill. pfd.	121
Chi. G. W.	15½
Chi., Ind. and L.	8¾
Chi., Ind. and L. pfd.	42
Chi. and N. W.	144⅝
Chi. and N. W. pfd.	192
C., C., C. and St. L.	57⅜
C., C., C. and St. L. pfd.	98¾
Del. and Hudson	113⅝
Del., L. and W.	168½
Den. and Rio G.	23⅜
Den. and Rio G. pfd.	75
Erie (new)	14½
Erie (new) 1st pfd.	38
Fort Wayne	178
Great Northern pfd.	193½
Hocking Valley	6¾
Illinois Central	114¾
Lake Erie and W.	18
Lake Erie and W. pfd.	65
Lake Shore	201
Louis. and Nash.	64⅜
Manhattan L.	108
Met. Street Ry.	255½
Michigan Central	115
Minn. and St. L.	53½
Minn. and St. L. 1st pfd.	90
Mo. Pacific	46⅝
Mobile and Ohio	40
Mo., K. and T.	13⅝
Mo., K. and T. pfd.	38½
N. J. Central	117½
N. Y. Central	133¾
N. Y., Chi. and St. L.	13½
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 1st pfd.	68
N. Y., Chi. and St. L. 2d pfd.	33
Nor. West.	17½
N. and W. pfd.	69¼
North American Co.	8
No. Pacific	50¾
No. Pacific pfd.	78½
Ontario and W.	27⅜
Ore. R. and Nav.	45
Ore. Short Line	42½
Pacific Coast 1st pfd.	87½
Pacific Coast 2d pfd.	63
Pittsburg	180
Reading	20¾
Reading 1st pfd.	60¼
Rio Grande and W.	35
Rio Grande and W. pfd.	76
Rock Island	117⅝
St. Louis and S. F.	11¼
St. Louis and S. F. 1st pfd.	71
St. Louis and S. F. 2d pfd.	38⅝
St. Louis and S. W.	9⅝
St. Louis and S. W. pfd.	27⅜
St. Paul	127¼
St. Paul pfd.	172
St. P. and Om.	162½
St. P. and Om. pfd.	174
Southern Pacific	21½
Southern Ry.	12⅜
Southern Ry. pfd.	48½
Texas and Pacific	23¾
Union Pacific	44¼
Union Pacific pfd.	78
U. P. D. and G.	12⅜
Wabash	8
Wabash pfd.	21½
Wheel. and L. E.	11⅜
Wheel. and L. E. pfd.	31

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Adams Express	112
American Express	140
United States	54
Wells-Fargo	125

MISCELLANEOUS

American Steel and Wire	62¾
American Steel and Wire pfd.	102½
A. Cot. Oil	36
A. Cot. Oil pfd.	92
American Spirits	13¾
American Spirits pfd.	39
American Tobacco	212
American Tobacco pfd.	147¾
Cons. Gas	218
Com. Cable Co.	190
Col. F. and Iron	35¾
Col. F. and Iron pfd.	93
General Electric	118
Haw. Com'l Co.	78
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	100¾
International Paper	53
International Paper pfd.	84½
La Clede Gas	51
Lead	34⅜
Lead pfd	112⅜
Nat. Lin. Oil	13
Pacific Mail	47¾
People's Gas	116
Pullman Palace	188½
Silver Certificates	60⅜
Standard Rope and Twine	10
Sugar	139½
Sugar pfd	115⅝
Tenn. C. and Iron	47⅜
Tenn. C. and Iron pfd.	130
U. S. Leather	9⅝
U. S. Leather pfd.	71
U. S. Rubber	43½
U. S. Rubber pfd.	116
U. S. Rubber pfd.	94¼
Western Union	92¾
Federal Steel	38⅝
Federal Steel pfd	76
Ogn. Nav. pfd.	85
Pacific Coast	7½
Colorado Southern	56¾
Colorado Southern 1st pfd.	24
Colorado Southern 2d pfd.	482
Standard Oil	

BONDS.

U. S. new 5's	107⅝
U. S. new 4's, reg.	128¼
U. S. new 4's, coup.	128¾
U. S. 4's	111½
U. S. 4's, coup.	112¾
U. S. 5's, reg.	112
U. S. 5's, coup.	112
District 3.65's	111½
Alabama (Class A)	110
Alabama (Class B)	110
Alabama (Class C)	100
Alabama Cenury	100
Atchison 4's	102¼
Atchison Adj. 4's	80
Atlantic Coast Line 4's	106⅝
Can. Southern 2d's	92⅜
C. and Ohio 6's	16½
Chicago Terminal 4's	92⅜
C. and Ohio 5's	118½
C., H. and D. 4½'s	107
D. and R. G. 1st	108⅞
D. and Rio Grande 4's	88⅛
East Tenn. 1st's	105
Erie General 4's	79¼
F. W. and D. 1sts, L.	84
General Electric 5's	124
G. H. and S. A. 6's	110
G. H. and S. A. 2d's	111½
H. and T. C. 5's	110
H. and T. C. Con. 6's	109
Iwa. C. 1sts	100
La. new consols 4's	100
L. and N. Uni. 4's	95¾
Missouri 6's	120¾
M., K. and T. 2ds	67⅜
M., K. and T. 4's	93¾
N. Y. Central 1sts	114¾
N. J. C. 5's	117
North Carolina 6's	130
North Carolina 4's	104
No. Pacific 1sts	116⅝
No. Pac. 3's	68¾
No. Pac. 4's	107¾
N. Y. C. and St. L. 4's	107
Nor. and W. 6's	130
Northwestern consols	143½
Northwestern Deb. 5's	121
O. Nav. 1sts	111
O. Nav. 4's	103⅞
O. S. Line 6's, L. F.	128⅛
O. S. Line 5's, t. r.	112
Reading 4's	89¼
R. G. W. 1sts	96
St. Louis and I. M. Con. 5's	111⅛
St. L. and San Fran. Gen. 6's	124
St. L. and San Fran. Gen. 6's	116½
St. P. Con.	164½
St. Paul C. and P. 1sts	122
St. Paul 5's	120⅞
Southern Ry. 5's	105⅝
Standard Rope and Twine 6's	86
Tenn. new settlement 3's	97
Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	113
Tex. Pac. reg. 2ds	52½
T. P. D. and Gulf 1sts	93¾
Wabash 1st 5's	115
Wabash 2ds	96
W. Shore 4's	113
Virginia Centuries	83
Virginia Centuries deferred	9
Wis. Central	49¾
Mobile and Ohio 4's	81½
N. and W. consols 4's	92¼
Union Pacific 4's	104½
Central of Ga. 5's	95¾
Central of Ga. 1st Ind.	41½
Central of Ga. 2d Ind.	12
Colorado Southern 4's	87¾

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., March 16, 1899.

SALES.—1,000 Georgia and Alabama consols at 102½; 1,000 do. at 102¾; 10 shares Atlantic Coast Line of Virginia, "B," at 122; 10 shares Virginia State Insurance Company at 31½; 10 shares Virginia-Carolina Chemical preferred at 119; 15 shares do. at 119.

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., 1910	107½	...
North Carolina 6's, C., 1919	135	...
Va. 3's, new, C. and R., 1932	88¾	90
Va. Century, 2-3, C. and R.	83½	85¾

CITY SECURITIES.

Rich. City 8's, R., 1904-1910	125	...
Rich. City 6's, R., 1904-1910	118	...
Rich. City 5's, R., 1920-1922	110	...
Rich. City 4's, R., 1820-1820	107	...

RAILROAD BONDS.

A. and C. gu. in. 6's, R., 1900	103	...
C., C. and A. 20 7's, C., 1910	122	...
Ga. Pacific 1st 6's, R. C., 1922	123½	...
Ga. So. and Fla. 5's, R., 1945	109½	...
Pet. Class A 5's, R. C., 1926	115	...
Pet. Class B 6's, R. C., 1926	123	...
Rich. and Meck. 1st 6's, 1921	76	...
Southern Ry. 1st 5's, 1994	105⅞	...
W. N. C. 1st 6's, C., 1914	114	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd. 5's	107½	108½
Ga. and Ala. consols	102½	103
Rich. Traction 5's, 1925	106	...
N. and W. 1st M. Con. 4's c.	92¼	92¾
Norfolk Street Ry. 1st 5's	108	...

RAILROAD STOCKS.

	Bid.	
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	118 ...
Ches. and Ohio	100	26 ...
North Carolina	100	152½ ...
N. and W. pfd.	100	65 ...
A. C. L. of Va.—A.		151 ...
A. C. L. of Va.—B.		121¾ 121¾
Connection	70	110 150
R., F. and P. com.	100	135 ...
R., F. and P. Div. Obli.	100	133 ...
R., F. and P. 6 p. c. guar.	100	160 ...
R., F. and P. 7 p. c. guar.	100	170 ...
Southern Ry. pfd.	100	49¾ ...
Southern Ry. com.	100	12¾ ...
Ga. and Ala. pfd.		72¾ 72½
Ga. and Ala. pfd.		68¾ 67½
Ga. So. and Fla. 2d pfd.		38 ...
Norfolk Street Ry. Co.	55	56

BANK STOCKS.

Citizens' Exchange	25	27½	28
City			20 ...
First National	100	169	...
Merchants National	100	210	...
Metropolitan	25	...	26
National Bank of Va.	100	100	...
Planters National	100	265	...
Per. Sav. and Ins. Co.	20	40	
Security	100	110	115
State Bank of Va.	100	145	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50	122	...
Virginia Trust Co.	100	113½	...
Rich. T. and S. Dep. Co., new	121		125

INS. COMPANIES.

Va. Fire and Marine	25	40	
Virginia State	25	31¼	31½

MISCELLANEOUS.

Amer. Tob. Co. pfd.	100	147	...
Amer. Tob. Co. com.	50	210	...
Old Dominion S. S. Co.	100	94	...
Sloss I. S. Co. 1st bonds	100		...
Sloss I. S. Co. 20 Mort. 4½'s		74	...
Sloss I. S. Co. stock	100	42¾	...
Va.-Caro. Chem. pfd.	100	118¾	119
Va.-Caro. Chem. com.	100	75½	75¾

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

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., March 16, 1899.

WHEAT.

Longberry	70	@76
Mixed	70	@76
Shortberry	70	@70
No. 2 red	70	@
White, Va. bag lots	41	@42
No. 2 white	41	@
No. 3 white	40	@40½
No. 2 mixed	39	@
No. 3 mixed	38½	@
OATS.		
No. 2 mixed		@33
No. 3 mixed	32	@
Winter seed	35	@38
RYE	63	@65

PEANUT MARKETS.

NORFOLK, VA., March 16.—PEANUTS—Farmers' stock—Fancy, 3¼c. pound; strictly prime, 3c. pound; prime, 2½@2¾c. pound; common, none offered. Spanish—Shelled, 90c. per bushel. Tone of market firm; offerings very light.

PETERSBURG, VA., March 16.—PEANUTS—Virginias, 3¼c. per pound; Spanish, 90c. per bushel.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 16.—COTTON—The improvement in cotton prices scored yesterday was lost to-day under a resumption of liquidation by parties who were identified with the selling movement in progress early in the week. Longs were disappointed at the start by an unfavorable class of cables from the Liverpool market and indications that receipts throughout the South would over-run estimates current last night. Taking advantage of selling orders from Europe, the bear crowd made several efforts to undermine the position of their adversaries, with the result that at the lowest level of the day prices were 6 points under last night's figures. The market opened steady in tone, with first sales one point higher to two lower. The tendency of prices from that time was steadily downward, except late in the afternoon, when covering for profits at times caused partial reactions. The close was quiet, with prices 4 to 6 points net lower. Sentiment in professional circles early took a pessimistic turn, largely under the more bearish temper of weather reports and cotton-belt advices in general. Orders from abroad were almost without exception for the sale of December and January contracts, these offerings being absorbed chiefly by local and southern shorts. Commission-houses, notably the Wall-street contingent, bought around the opening, but subsequently joined the sellers.

COTTON — Futures opened steady; March, 6.12; April, 6.13; May, 6.16; June, 6.19; July, 6.23; August, 6.22; September and October, 6.10; November, 6.10; December, 6.13; January, 6.15.

Futures closed quiet; March, 6.10; April, 6.09; May, 6.11; June, 6.14; July, 6.17; August, 6.16; September and October, 6.08; November, 6.08; December, 6.08; January, 6.11.

Spot closed steady at 1-16 lower; middling uplands, 6⅝; do. gulf, 6¾c.; sales, 300 bales.

COTTON—Steady; middling 6⅝; net receipts, 677 bales; gross, 4,201 bales; sales, 300 bales; stock, 130,101 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts, 15,219 bales; exports to the Continent, 6,869 bales; stock, 757,953 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts, 78,442 bales; exports to Great Britain, 7,168 bales; to France, 10,491 bales; to the Continent, 28,985 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 7,358,641 bales; exports to Great Britain, 2,038,860 bales; to France, 646,994 bales; to the Continent, 2,295,875 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, March 16.—COTTON—Futures dull and steady; March, 5.76@5.81; April, 5.78@5.79; May, 5.81@5.82; June, 5.85@5.87; July, 5.86@5.87; August, 5.81@5.82; September, 5.77@5.78; October, 5.75@5.76; November, 5.75@5.76; December, 5.76@5.77.

LIVERPOOL, March 16.—COTTON—Spot—Good business done; prices unchanged; American middling, 3⅝d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export, and included 10,800 American. Receipts, 8,000 bales, including 7,700 bales American.

Futures opened quiet, with a moderate demand, and closed quiet; American middling, l. m. c., March, 3 21-64@3 22-64, value; March and April, 3 21-64@3 22-64, sellers; April and May, 3 21-64@3 22-64, buyers; May and June, 3 22-64, sellers; June and July, 3 22-64, buyers; July and August, 3 22-64@3 23-64, sellers; August and September, 3 22-64, buyers; September and October, 3 21-64@3 22-64, buyers; October and November, 3 21-64, buyers; November and December, 3 21-64, sellers; December and January, 3 21-64, sellers; January and February, 3 21-64, buyers.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 16.—FLOUR—Weak and 50@10c. lower; winter patents, $3.00@3.80.

RYE FLOUR—Easy.

CORNMEAL—Easy.

RYE—Weak; No. 2, 65c.

BARLEY—Quiet.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet.

WHEAT—Spot weak; No. 2 red, 79¼c. Options opened easy on crop news and cables. A sharp recovery took place toward noon on export rumors, but was followed in the last hour by an utter collapse in prices, buying impelled by weak French cables and home crop reports. Southwest and California selling also attended the late break. Closed heavy at 1½@2¾c. net decline; March, closed at 79¾c.; April closed at 73¾c.; May closed at 72¾c.

CORN—Spot weak; No. 2, 46¾@44c. Options opened steady and advanced on cables, big clearances and small receipts. Later it broke under realizing and the decline in wheat, closing weak at 1@1c. net decline; May closed at 38c.; July closed at 39½c.

OATS—Spot weaker; No. 2, 32c. Options dull.

BEEF—Steady; family, $10@11.50.

CUT MEATS—Quiet.

LARD—Easy; western steamed, $3.57½; March, $3.52 nominal. Refined steady.

PORK—Dull.

BUTTER—Firm; western creamery, 15@20c.; do. factory, 12@14½c.; Elgins, 20c.; imitation creamery, 13½@17½c.; State dairy, 14@18c.

EGGS—Quiet; State and Pennsylvania, 13½c.; western fresh, 13½c.; southern, 12@13½c.

POTATOES—Steady; New York, $1.25@2.25; Long Island, $1.75@2.25; Jersey, 82½c.

COTTON-SEED OIL—Quiet.

ROSIN—Firm.

TURPENTINE—Steady at 46½@47c.

ROSIN—Firm.

RICE—Firm.

CABBAGE—Quiet; domestic, 40@0 per 100.

COFFEE—Options opened steady, 5 points lower in sympathy with weakness in European markets, a sudden falling off in warehouse deliveries a marked increase in Brazilian receipts, and an easier tone for the spot department and local liquidation; later reacted on local recovery; steady, unchanged to 5 points lower; sales, 20,750 bags, including April at 5.05; May, 5.10. Spot—Rio dull but steady; No. 7 invoice, 6 3-16c.; No. 7 jobbing, 6 7-16c.; mild dull and easy; Cordova, 8@14c.

SUGAR—Raw steadier in tone; fair refining, 3¾c.; centrifugal, 96 test, 4¾c.; molasses sugar, 3½c.; sales report, 6,900 bags centrifugal at 4¾c.; 1,100 tons Muscovado at 3c.; 2,500 bags do. at 3⅝c. Refined steady.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, March 16.—More reassuring news about the prospects for winter wheat to-day and heavier offerings in Europe caused such heavy liquidation that under the leadership of wheat prices in all the grain markets broke severely. At the close the following losses were established: Wheat, 2c.; corn, ⅝@1c., and oats 1@1⅛c.; pork unchanged and lard and ribs a shade lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
May	69⅛	69⅝	67½	67½
July	68⅜	68¾	66½	66⅝
CORN—No. 2.				
May	35	35¼	34	34
July	35⅜	35⅞	34½	34⅝
Sept.	36⅛	36½	35¼	35¼
OATS—No. 2.				
May	24¼	23½	25½	25⅝
July	24¼	24¼	23½	24
MESS PORK—Bbl.				
May	$9.17½	$9.27½	$9.17½	$9.17½
July	9.40	9.42½	9.35	9.35
LARD—100 lbs.				
May	5.40	5.42½	5.37½	5.37½
July	5.55	5.55	5.52½	5.52½
Sept.	5.67½	5.67½	5.65	5.65
SHORT RIBS—100 lbs.				
May	4.75	4.77½	4.72½	4.72½
July	4.87½	4.90	4.85	4.85
Sept.	5.00	5.00	4.97½	4.97½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull and easy; No. 2 spring wheat, 67@68¾c.; No. 3 spring wheat, 62@67c.; No. 2 red, 69@70¾c.; No. 2 corn, 34@34½c.; No. 2 oats, 26½@26¾c.; No. 2 white, 30@30½c.; No. 3 white, 28¾@29¾c.; No. 2 rye, 55½c.; No. 2 barley, 38@48c.; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.17½; Northwest, $1.22½; prime timothy seed, $2.35; mess pork, per barrel, $9@9.05; lard, per 100 pounds, $5.27½@5.30; short ribs sides (loose), $4.45@4.75; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.37½; short clear sides (boxed), $4.85@4.90; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.26; sugars, cut loaf, $5.83; granulated, $5.33; butter steady; creamery, 14@19½c.; dairy, 11½@17c.; eggs steady; fresh, 12¾c.; cheese steady; creamery, 10½@12c.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, March 16.—FLOUR—Dull and easy; western superior, $2.25@2.50.

WHEAT—Dull; spot and month, 74¼@74⅝c.; April, 74¼@74¾c.; May, 74¾@75c.

Southern wheat, by sample, 67@75c.

CORN—Steady; spot and month, 37¼@37⅝c.; April, 37¾@37¾c.; May, 38½@38¾c.

Southern white corn, 37@38c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 33@33½c.

RYE—Easier; No. 2 nearby, 58@59½c.; No. 2 western, 61½c.

SUGAR—Strong and unchanged.

BUTTER—Steady and unchanged.

EGGS—Firm and unchanged.

CHEESE—Firm and active; unchanged.

WHISKY—Unchanged.

LETTUCE—$2.25@2.50 per bushel box.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The quieter demand for cotton goods noted previous days of the week is again observable. Reorders in considerable numbers come forward, but the aggregate sales have been moderate. Staple cottons of American kinds are in quieter demand than of late, but this has no effect upon prices, which are firm as ever in brown bleached and coarse colored varieties in the latter plaids show occasional advances of ⅛c. per yard. Prints and ginghams very firm. Cotton linings of all grades also very firm. Print cloths quiet at unchanged prices. No change in woollen or worsted fabrics for either men's wear or dress goods.

NAVAL STORES.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 16.—TURPENTINE—Market firm at 44½c.; sales, none.

ROSIN—Steady; sales, none.

SAVANNAH, GA., March 16.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm at 44c.; sales, 164 casks; receipts, 180 casks.

ROSIN—Firm and unchanged; sales, 1,567 barrels; receipts, 3,158 barrels.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 16.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Steady; prices unchanged; receipts, 11 casks.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Quiet at $1.35@2.40; receipts, 11 barrels.

TAR—Firm at $1; receipts, 316 barrels.

TOBACCO EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., March 16, 1899.

Sales of new dark loose tobacco on the Richmond (Va.) breaks (dull, somewhat) Warehouses sold 14,278 pounds—highest price, $8.65; Shockoe Warehouse sold 16,580 pounds—highest price, $13.50; Crenshaw's Warehouse sold 17,745 pounds—highest price, $7.50. Total, 48,603 pounds—highest price, $13.50.

Breaks of new dark loose tobacco at each and all of the warehouses to-morrow, March 17, 1899.

There was a good sale of bright loose tobacco at Stonewall Warehouse to-day in addition to the usual sale of dark loose tobacco to-day. Bright Chesterfield county (Va.) smokers sold at very high prices.

Messrs. Jno. F. Jacob & Co. will offer by sample at their office to-morrow twenty (20) hogsheads of very fine dark tobacco.

Messrs. Frazer & Tompkins will offer by sample at their office to-morrow twenty-five (25) hogsheads of good dark tobacco.

Private sales reported to the secretary of the Richmond Tobacco Trade to-day—Wrappers, 5 hogsheads; Bilers, 2; leaf (dark), 40; lugs (dark), 164. Total, 250 hogsheads.

The tobacco inspector reports to-day: Inspections—Bright, 16 hogsheads; dark, 30 hogsheads and 1 tierce. Reinspections—Bright, 8 hogsheads; dark, 5 hogsheads.

Shockoe, Seabrook's, Neal's, Alleghany, Old Dominion and Planters tobacco warehouses report to-day: Receipts, 122 packages; deliveries, 33 packages.

United States internal revenue collections on tobacco for the city of Richmond (Va.) to-day: Cigars and cigarettes, $227.26; plug tobacco, $7,611.54. Total, $7,838.80.

Messrs. Jno. F. Jacob & Co., tobacco commission merchants, No. 113 south Twelfth street, Richmond, Va., make the following comments for the week on tobacco:

Brights—Receipts continue light and market firm at quotations.

Dark (New)—Receipts continue liberal, and all desirable stock, especially black stemming leaf, in active demand, while low-grade leaf and lugs are in fair demand.

Dark (Old)—Receipts and offerings continue light and market quiet.

Sun-Cured—Receipts continue light and market firm for good to prime stock; common lugs and low-grade leaf weak and not selling very high.

Prices current as follows:

SUN-CURED TOBACCO—NEW.	
Lugs, inferior and common	$ 2.00@$ 3.00
Lugs, good to prime	3.00@ 5.00
Short leaf	5.00@ 7.00
Long leaf	6.00@ 9.00
Wrappers	9.00@ 15.00
BRIGHT TOBACCO.	
Smokers—	
Common	7.00@ 8.50
Medium	8.50@ 10.00
Fine	11.00@ 12.00
Cutters—	
Common	10.00@ 11.00
Medium	12.00@ 15.00
Fine	16.00@ 17.00
Fancy	18.00@ 20.00
Fillers—	
Common	4.50@ 5.50
Medium	5.50@ 7.00
Good	7.00@ 9.00
Fine	10.00@ 11.00
Wrappers—	
Common	10.00@ 12.00
Medium	12.00@ 15.00
Good	22.50@ 27.50
Fine	35.00@ 40.00
Fancy	40.00@ 45.00
DARK TOBACCO (RECORDED).	
Lugs	3.00@ 4.00
Short leaf	4.50@ 6.50
Long leaf	7.00@ 9.00
Wrappers	10.00@ 14.00
DARK TOBACCO—NEW.	
Lugs, inferior and common	1.50@ 2.00
Lugs, good to prime	2.50@ 3.50
Short leaf	3.00@ 5.00
Long leaf	6.00@ 8.00
Selections	9.00@ 15.00

The New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin of even date says:

"When the American Tobacco Company waws first organized Mr. William Butler was made vice-president, but at a subsequent election for certain reasons he was deposed. Mr. Butler then decided to start a new company in opposition. He believed that the jobbers had been treated rather shabbily, and it was to them that he appealed. He showed them that the time had come for them to combine, and he succeeded in getting such men as Mr. Whitney, of New York, and Mr. Elkins and a number of Philadelphia men of immense wealth to look at things in the way that he did. It was not a hard task for him to interest Pierre Lorillard, who was opposed to Mr. Duke, and would have nothing to do with the American Tobacco Company for that reason. And so he got together $25,000,000 to organize the Union and the Continental tobacco companies, and the jobbers were made parties to the deal. Mr. Duke then organized the Metropolitan Company in self-defence, and offered the jobbers 3 per cent. profit on all the goods they sold of the American Tobacco Company as well as a share in the profits of the Metropolitan Company. He declared, however, that all goods must be sold through certain jobbers, creating central stations in all the large cities. This disturbed big cigar jobbers and manufacturers, and they stuck to the new company formed by William Butler, which bought out Durham, Barchamah & Lyall, and other big concerns all over the country, including the Admiral cigarette concern, which for years had stood out alone as a concern which had been started to beat the great American Tobacco Company. Indeed, the new company soon had such a strong combination behind it that Mr. Duke saw that to fight it would mean the loss of millions of dollars and no definite chance of successfully controlling the situation in the end.

"Mr. Duke thereupon decided to adopt new tactics. He realized that the capitalists behind Butler were in the new deal to make big money. While the capital of the new company was $25,000 it was not listed and the stock had no particular rating on the market. And so it is said he went to the stockholders and said to them that he would give them in exchange for their shares in the Union and Continental companies equal shares in the American company. The new companies were quoted on the curb at low figures, and the American was quoted at 185 on the Stock Exchange. This would mean a profit of nearly a million for each million invested. The capitalists behind Mr. Butler are said to have taken Mr. Duke at his word, and made the deal. Mr. Butler is, therefore, alleged to be out in the cold, having been compelled to let his small amount of stock go with the rest. To the jobbers Mr. Butler still holds out hopes that he can control the men who are with him on March 28th, when the meeting takes place."

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, March 17, 1899.

St. Patrick's Day.

Sun rises	6:18 A. M.
Sun sets	6:39 P. M.
Moon south	5:15 P. M.
First high water	9:14 A. M.
Second high water	9:32 P. M.

PORT OF RICHMOND, March 16, 1899.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, merchandise and passengers, Virginia Navigation Company, Norfolk.

Schoonr John R. Fell, Loveland, New York, scrap iron, Tredegar Company.

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ARRIVED.

Bark Vergene Della Guardia, New York.

Schooner Millville, Philadelphia.

Steamer S. J. Murphy, Boston.

Steamer Kong Frode, Port Antonio.

SAILED.

Barge Jumiata, Providence.

Barge Ringleader, Providence.

Barge City of Montreal, Providence.

Schooner Allen Green, Salem.

Schooner Percy Birdsall, Boston.

Schooner E. J. French, Portland.

Steamer Asloun, Montevedio.

PORT OF WEST POINT, March 16, 1899.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Accomac, Thompson, Norfolk, passengers and general cargo.

SAILED.

Steamship Accomac, Thompson, Norfolk, passengers and general cargo.

AN OLD CONFED'S HEART GLADDENED

General Ransom Remembered the Man Who Gave Him His Horse.

MUCH LIFE INSURANCE MONEY.

More Goes Out of Chase City Than Comes Back—Real Estate is Looking Up—Ladies are Building a New Town Hall.

CHASE CITY, VA.,