

THE TOBACCO YEAR
REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF
THE TRADE.
HIGH PRICES FOR LOOSE LEAF
AVERAGE FOR ALL GRADES LARGELY IN
EXCESS OF PREVIOUS YEARS—SUMMARY
OF RECEIPTS AND DELIVERIES—TOBACCO
ORGANIZATION ON A LARGE SCALE—
COMPARISON OF THE RECEIPTS OF
LOOSE LEAF FOR THE YEAR WITH THOSE
OF FORMER YEARS.

The year just ended has been one of
prosperity and progress for the tobacco
trade of Richmond. All its branches have
flourished, and the city is steadily regain-
ing her old prestige as a tobacco manu-
facturing centre.

The year in the trade has been a re-
markable one in more than one respect,
but in none more than in the fact that
there has not been a single failure of
a tobacco firm, either manufacturing or
dealer. There have been but two deaths
among the members of the trade during
the year, those of M. T. Smith, of the
South & Co., and E. M. Moon, firm name
the same. Mr. Smith was one of the
oldest and most widely-known members
of the trade.

Perhaps the most notable development
of the year was the formation of the To-
bacco Association of the United States,
a national movement projected and car-
ried to consummation by gentlemen of
this city.

The Richmond Tobacco Trade elected
Mr. C. D. Lorus, president, and Mr. W. M.
Pridges, secretary.

The year has been a busy and a pro-
sperous one in manufacturing lines and
likewise in the export and import trade.
The average of the year, as compared
with the average of the year 1901, is
plentiful and twist retains its high standard,
and its sales are steadily increasing
and extending to new territory.

LOOSE LEAF MARKET.

The loose leaf tobacco market has been
unusually active during the year, and
although the crop marketed was inferior
to the average crop in body and quality,
the greatly increased demand and the
reduced supply combined to bring the
price of the raw leaf to a figure almost
unprecedented in the history of the
market. The loose leaf sales for the
year, even with a short crop, aggre-
gated 6,547,746 pounds, a record very
much in excess of the quantity sold in
1901 and 1900.

But far more remarkable than the quan-
tity sold, is the increase in average price
paid for the loose leaf sold on this mar-
ket. The average for the entire year,
including all grades and varieties, is
estimated at about 37 to 37.50 per hundred
pounds, compared with an average of
about 35 for 1901, a remarkable increase
showing the active demand for the leaf.
As these averages are not officially made
up, they can only be approximated.

THE SITUATION AT 2:30 A. M.

**Gas-Works Probably Resume Operations
To-Day—Fires at 2:30.**

From the indications after 2:30
o'clock this morning there is reason to
believe that with a continued fall of the
river the Upper and Lower Gas-Works
will both be able to resume operations
this afternoon. As there is about a half
day's supply of gas on hand, this, with
the economy of use, it is thought, be
enough to run the city through to-morrow
and thus obviate another night of
darkness.

The river at 2:30 o'clock this morning
had fallen about fifteen inches. On the
Main-Street Depot steps the water had
gone down nearly two steps. At that
hour May's Bridge was intact, and with
the falling water there was no reason to
believe that it would be damaged.

The River Above Lynchburg.

Mr. LeRoy E. Brown, president of the
American Pulp Manufacturing Company,
whose property, including the saw-mill
James River at Snowden, eighteen miles
above Lynchburg, received the follow-
ing telegram from his manager yester-
day:

"Flood did us no damage whatever.
River now within 100 feet of dam."

Mr. S. A. Sandler, Manager.

The paper-mill at Big Island, five miles
east of Snowden, also escaped damage.

A NOISY GREETING.

New York's Welcome to the New
Year—Church Services.

NEW YORK, January 1.—With ser-
vices of prayer and song; with tolling
of bells and ringing of chimes; with the
sharp crack of revolver and pistol shots;
with the screaming of whistles and cries
from the throats of thousands, the old
year was bade farewell and the new
year welcomed last midnight. Watch-
men were held in many of the
churches throughout the city. Greater New
York, and many churches rang their fare-
well to the old year and greetings to the
new. The Roman Catholic churches did
not mark the passing of the year by
midnight masses, as was done last year,
but the service then having been directed
by the Pope, because of the advent of a
new pontiff.

Old Trinity and its chimes were the
principal magnet for the horn-blowing
crowd in the downtown portion of the
city. Thousands gathered about the
tower of old church. The Herald Square
grace church and the St. Patrick's
church, among others, were also
"Tenderloin" early in the evening was
terrible. But the noise and confusion
that broke loose from steam whistles
and horns on the stroke of midnight
was the climax of the celebration.

SENATOR BERRY SUFFERING MUCH.

He is Able to Sit Up, But is Not Out
of Bed.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., December 31.—
News from the Little Rock to-day indi-
cates that United States Senator James
H. Berry is suffering greatly from the
injuries he received two weeks ago at
Newburg, Mo., by a fall. He is able to
sit up for brief periods, but is not out
of bed. The amputation of his right
leg, which was the result of the fall, is
in a dangerous condition, and the danger is
from sepsis or other disorders arising from
the inflammation. It may be a long
time before he will be able to take up his
senatorial duties.

SENT ON.

Charged With Setting Fire to Build-
ing.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 31.—
(Special.)—John Thompson, the negro
who was arrested last night on the
charge of setting fire to the buildings
which were destroyed in Klotzkye, was
jailed sent on to the grand jury in a
blatant magistrate's court, in War-
wick county.

Richard Rayfield, a 25-year-old boy, was
today sent on to the grand jury, charged
with stabbing Edward Saunders, a play-
mate, Saunders' condition now seems
to be favorable to recovery.

CRITICALLY ILL.

Ex-Judge Alexander J. Brand, of
Roanoke.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 31.—
(Special.)—Ex-Judge Alexander J. Brand,
of Roanoke, Va., is critically ill at the
Johns Hopkins Hospital, suffering from
stomach trouble. He is under the care
of Dr. William Osler.

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