FINE FOWLS

Annual Poultry Show Will be Opened Monday at Noon

MARKET STREET

Tents One Hundred and Fifty Feet in Length Have Been Erected on Market Street for the Show—Entries Will be Larger Than Ever Before—Fowls Are Unusually Fine This Year—Mr. F. L. Simmons, of Lexington, Will Act as Judge.

The Wilmington Poultry Association will hold its third annual exhibition next week, beginning Monday at noon and lasting until Saturday night.

The show will be held on Market between Front and Second streets. Mr. Will A. Bonitz, the secretary of the association, had a force of men at work all day yesterday erecting tents and building platforms in the tents to place the coops upon. The tents are one hundred and fifty feet in length and fifty feet in width and are erected on the plaza on Market street. The carpenters were at work building platforms until 12 o'clock last night and it will probably take the larger part of Monday morning to complete the work.

During the time that the Wilmington Poultry Association has been having its show here, there has been exhibited some very fine poultry, but it is said that the exhibits at the present show will surpass those of the past. There are more entries than in any of the preceding shows, but as the entries did not close until last night at midnight, it was impossible to get the number.

Every express yesterday brought in large numbers of fowls and many more are expected in today. The exhibits will not only include poultry, but there will also be on exhibition, tame squirrels, rabbits, foxes, pheasants and peacocks.

The majority of the exhibits are from this state but there will be some entries from Virginia and South Carolina. It is believed that the local fanciers will have as fine fowls as are exhibited, and that they will give the other exhibitors of the state a close race for the prizes. The prizes are valuable and are eagerly sought after.

Mr. R. L. Simmons, of Lexington, an expert poultry man, will act as judge. He will reach the city today. Mr. Simmons, it will be remembered, was judge of the poultry show held in this city two years ago.

The show will be open to the public Monday at noon, and each day after that during the week will open at 10 a. m. and close at 10 p. m. Mr. Bonitz will have the tents brilliantly lighted with electric lights and the exhibits can be seen as well at night as during the day.

The prices of admission wil be 15 cents for adult and 10 cents for children.

"JAP" IN TROUBLE.

Slapped Boy Because He Called Him "Chinc, Chinc, Chinaman."

One Yolkey, a Japanese whi is with the Mildred and Rouclere company got in trouble yesterday by slapping a small white boy who, the "Jap" says called him "Chinc, Chinc Chinaman." Mayor Springer held a special term of court yesterday afternoon to try the "Jap" as the show, of which he is a member, leaves here today. After hearing the evidence the mayor dismissd the case upon the payment of the cost.

It is said that the greatest insult you can heap upon a Japanese, from his point of view, is to call him a Chinaman. The "Japs" are a quiet and peaceable kind of people, but to call one a Chinaman is a fighting proposition, and when they do fight they are hard to whip.

To the small boy a Japanese and a Chinaman are very much alike and if there is anything that delights a small boy, it is to hollow "Chinc, Chinc Chinaman," to a Chinaman, and to hear him answer and make his threats in his peculiar language. The small boy does not confine himself to Chinamen or Japanese when he wishes to have some fun. Any foreigner who speaks a strange language never fails to attract his attention and the foreigner has got to have a lovely disposition if he does not get angry at the fun making antics and remarks of the small boy.

Walthour Wins First Place in Six Day Bicycle Race.

New York, December 12.—Walthour won in the final sprint at Madison Square Garden tonight and captured first place in the six day bicycle race for himself and his partner, Munroe. The distance ridden by the team was 2,318 miles, 3 laps. Lander was second and Floyd Krebs third. Walthour won by ten length and six lengths separated Leander and Floyd Krebs. Fisher was fourth, Newkirk fifth Contenet sixth J. D. Bell, seventh and Morgan eight. Newkirk, Fisher, Breton and John Bedell fell at the Twentl-Sixth street and Fourth Avenue bank of the track, on the eighth lap of the last mile. John Bedell was hurt as was Breton. Breton's tire came off and caused the accident.

Free of Charge.

Platt & Haar have laid in store for Christmas trade, a substantial line of Umbrellas, ranging in price from $1.00 to $8.00. Names will be marked in any umbrella, regardless of price, free of charge. You will also find at 114 Market street a large assortment of novelties especially suitable for Xmas presents. Call early and avoid the rush.

NEGRO ROBBED.

Held Up Near Williston Graded School Last Night by Three Robbers.

A forlorn looking negro walked into The Messenger office last night about 10 o'clock and with a long and sorrowful face imparted the information that he had been robbed. "They just caught hold of me and took $4.35," he said, "and then told me to get away from them and I did what they said, but I do wish I had that money back." After he had imparted the above information he silently looked at the floor for several minutes, thinking, no doubt, of how many bales of cotton he had handled to get hold of that money and how easily the foot pad got it from him.

The negro, who said his name was Aleck Harris and that he worked for Alexander Sprunt & Son, then told the rest of his story. He had just been paid off for his week's work and after buying a few provisions, had started home. When he got near the Williston Graded school, he said, three men stopped him and one of them wanted a match. As he went to feel in his packet for a match, one of the men grabbed him and told him to throw up his hands. They then searched his pockets; took his money and ordered him to clear out. The negro says all three of the men were white.

WEEK OF POPULAR PRICES.

"Slaves of the Orient" Will be the Strong and Opening Bill at the Academy Tomorrow Night—New Company, But One of the Best on the Road.

Tomorrow night the Harris-Parkinson Company will usher in a week of popular price comedy and drama at the Academy, presenting as the opening bill a strong play of Turkish life, entitled "Slaves of the Orient." The piece is one of the popular successes of the present day and, as its name signifies, deals with an exceedingly novel and interesting subject. It will be presented with all special scenery and electrical effects and Mr. Robert Harris, who is considered one of the handsomest and cleverest of repertoire actors, will appear in the stellar role. Between acts a swell line of up-to-date specialties will be introduced.

The Harris-Parkinson Company is one of the best popular price attractions on the road and its stay this week at the Academy will, no doubt, be crowned with signal artistic success. The repertoire embraces only royalty plays, including Maude Adam's great success, "The Little Minister," and each production is made with special and elaborate scenery. The vaudeville presented by the company is a strong feature and is given by six well known artists.

For the entire engagement popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents, will prevail. For the performance tomorrow night seats are on sale at Plummer's.

CARD OF THANKS.

Hospital Board Returns Thanks for Contributions Made on Donation Day.

Owing to the fact that many contributions were made to the "James Walker Memorial hospital" on donation day last month, by citizens who gave no name, and we have no way of locating them—and also that many of the ladies who gave their time and talents towards the arrangements are unknown to the board, it was deemed advisable to make a public acknowledgement of the matter, and the following resolution was passed by the board at its recent session to-wit,

"On behalf of the James Walker Memorial hospital, the Board of Managers desire to return their thanks for the generous contributions made by the public spirited citizens on Donation day, and to Dr. J. Akerman Medical Superintendent, Miss L. P. Clark, Superintendent of nurses and their associates—also to Mrs. M. S. Willard and all other ladies associated with her for the successful inauguration and consummation of the affair.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. R. FRENCH,
Secretary of the Board.

DIED YESTERDAY.

Mr. John Berry Watson Passed Away Yesterday After Long Illness.

Mr. John Berry Watson, who has resided in this city for the past six years, died at the home of his brother, Mr. A. W. Watson, 612 Grace street, yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock. He was 57 years of age. He leaves a daughter, who lives in Statesville, and a son, who is in school at the Institute for the blind in Raleigh.

By trade Mr. Watson was a mattress maker and before coming to Wilmington he lived in Salisbury.

The funeral will take place at the residence, 612 Grace street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock and the services will be conducted by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Watson was a member

A Forest Fire.

From 5 o'clock yesterday evening until midnight the sky east of the city was diffused with a red glow showing there was a large fire of some kind east of the city. It is thought that the glow was caused by a forest fire, as they are quite frequent in the densely wooded lands east of the city. The glow on the sky was so brilliant that it was plainly seen at Old Brunswick on the Cape Fear river.

Improvements at A. C. L. Station.

The carpenters will soon have the work on the new part of the shed of the A. C. L. station completed and ready for the painters. The windows were put in the sides of the shed yesterday.

A cosy little room has been built near the gate, which leads to the platform, for Capt. Piner.

All of the new shed will be painted as soon as te carpenter work is completed.

GENERAL COMPLAINT.

Streets Will Not be Swept in Future Without Being Sprinkled.

There was general complaint on Friday night by the merchants by reason of the fact that the streets were swept without first being sprinkled. Mayor Springer stated yesterday that the reason the streets were not sprinkled, was because the water would freeze as soon as it struck the pavement, but that in the future when weather was too cold to use the sprinkler the streets would not be swept.

TRANSFERRED TO GOLDSBORO.

Insurance Superintendent Bradford Leaves Wilmington This Morning.

Today Mr. N. E. Bradford, who for a number of years past has been the local superintendent of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, will leave Wilmington for Goldsboro, to which field he has been transferred. Who his successor will be has not as yet been made known.

Mr. Bradford's many friends certainly regret to see him leave, but wish him the unbounded success that he deserves wherever he may go. He is a polished, clever gentleman, and a splendid insurance man.

BELL EXCHANGE TO CLOSE.

Durham Will Have But One Telephone System Soon—The Bell Exchange Will Close Early in January of February—Will be Used for Long Distance—Inter-State Will Take Charge of the Local Business.

The consolidation of the telephone interests in Durham, published in The Herald yesterday morning, was talked a great deal yesterday. Many people heard of the rumored deal for the first time when the read it yesterday morning.

Some additional facts were learned yesterday. There is not much of a definite nature but enough to know that the rumors are correct in one particular at least—in a very short waile Durham will have but one telephone exchange.

It is learned from what is considered good authority that the Bell exchange will close either early in the next month or early in February. That does not mean that the exchange will close entirely but it will close as an exchange for subscribers. From then on it will be used as a toll exchange and for long distance service.

Just what is the nature of the deal cannot be learned at this time. One thing is certain—the Durham subscribers will be accommodated over the Interstate system and the Bell will have charge of the long distant business. Just whether the Interstate has bought the Bell out of this field, or whether, as mentioned in The Herald yesterday that there has been a division of territory throughout the state, cannot be learned for certain at this time.

In a short while, probably within two or three weeks, the entire transaction will be made known to the public. When this is done it will show that Duham will have but one system.—Durham Herald.

The Durham papers say there has been made a big deal between the Southern Bell Telephone Company and the Interstate Telephone Company, wherein the Interstate will have the entire Durham field and the Bell have Raleigh—Raleigh Times.

SPLENDID REHEARSAL.

Brightest of Prospects for a Glorious Success for the Light Infantry's Big Benefit—Fine New Feature Added.

Another splendid rehearsal of "A Modern Shakespeare," the play which is to be given as a big benefit for the Wilmington Light Infantry the evening of January 6th, was held last night and was of such a highly successful nature as to point conclusively to a brilliant success. The piece is admirably cast and will be presented with special costumery and scenic embellishments.

Besides the fancy drill and camp fire songs a new feature has just been arranged to be presented between acts. It will be a beautiful dance by a class of pupils of Miss Leonard's dancing school. This will be one of the attractions of the performance.

Divorce Suit.

Mrs. Rosina Hauser has instituted divorce proceedings against her husband H. Hauser. The complaint alleges abandonment.

H. Hauser, it will be remembered, was tried in 1901 upon the charge of burning his store on Market street. He was found guilty and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, where he is at the present time.

Closed the Engagement Yesterday.

With two performances yesterday the Mildred & Rouciere Company closed its engagement at the Academy. Each performance was attended by a fair sized audience and greatly enjoyed. The company is without doubt the strongest vaudeville one that has ever played in Wilmington.

From here the company will go to Sumter, S. C., leaving in the morning.

Bankers' Bowling Team Won.

Another event of the bowling tournament took place last night at the Pastime Alley. The game was between the Bankers' and Coast Line teams and the former lowered the colors of the latter by a score of 2,003 to 1,888. The players for the victors were Hatch, Davis, Bridgers, Crosswell and Little, and for the vanquished Boger, McMillan, Wessell, Potts and Myers.

Steed and Trolley Collided.

About 11 o'clock last night a horse attached to a buggy and a trolley car collided at the intersection of Fourth and Princess streets. The mouth of the animal was badly cut and one of the side windows of the car broken, but other than that no injury or damage was done.

Change in Sales Stable Ownership.

Mr. J. D. Farrior, who has been running a sales stables on Princess street, has sold out to Mr. F. T. Mills, who will conduct the business in the future. Mr. Mills has been manager of Mr. Farrior's stables for some time. Mr. Farrior will continue to run the buggy and harness department.

ADULTERATION OF TURPENTINE.

Law Passed by Legislature of 1897 Making Adulteration of Turpentine a Misdemeanor

Fayetteville, N. C., December 11.
Editor of Wilmington Messenger:

My attention has been arrested by an article appearing in your issue of December 11th under the heading "Dealers Again Complain of Turpentine Adulteration, etc," which contains an incorrect statement, copied from The Journal of Commerce New York, of December 11th, to the effect that there is no law in North Carolina prohibiting the adulteration of spirits of turpentine. As a matter of fact this state has a very stringent law against adulteration, passed by the legislature of 1897. See Chapter 482

Please make the proper correction in the interest of the honest turpentine operators of the State.

A. H. SLOCOMB.

The act referred to in Mr. Slocomb's letter reads as follows:

"Any person or persons, who shall adulterate or cause to be adulterated, any spirits turpentine, or who shall knowingly sell or offer for sale as pure spirits turpentine, any adulterated spirits turpentine, shall be guilty of misdemeanor ,and upon conviction shall be fined not less than fifty dollars, or imprisoned for thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court, for each and every offense."

The above act was ratified on March 9th, 1897.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

Officials of the Company Discuss Their Plans With Representatives of the Railways.

Newport News, Va., December 12.—After a session lasting for over an hour and a half, the first meeting between the officials of the Jamestown Exposition Company and the representatives of the several transportation companies, interested in the success of the exposition adjourned without having arrived at any agreement as to what the transporation lines will do in the way of subscribing for stock in the exposition.

The meeting was held in the committee room of the Chamberlain Hotel, and it was understood to be merely a preliminary meeting, at which the plans of the exposition would be discussed and the situation formally explained to the representatives of the transportation companies.

Another meeting will be held in Washington on Friday, December 18th at which the entire matter will be finally settled. Representatives of five of the transportation companies stated at the meeting that they were authorized to subscribe, but withheld their subscriptions for the Washington meeting.

MAY HAVE TO FIGHT COLOMBIA.

Officials to Consult Regarding a Probable Campaign.

Leavenworth, Kas., December 12.—General J. Franklin Bell, commander at Fort Leavenworth, has received a message calling him to Washington. He started east today. Some of the local officers profess to believe that General Bell is to be called into conference over the isthmus of Panama matters.

Washington, December 12.—The coming of General Bell to Washington while it has more or less to do with matters connected with the general staff college, is admitted tonight by officers of the general staff to be for the purpose of consulting with the officials regarding a probable campaign against Colombia, should that country continue the movement of troops toward the isthmus. It was intimated that matters had reached the point where troops might be moved at any time, which would seem to indicate that the department is in possession of information the tenor of which justifies actual preparations for the movement of United States troops toward Panama.

Although the fact would not be disclosed, the presumption is that in the event of troops being sent, General Bell will be put in command.

Millionaire's Poor Stomach.

The worn-out stomach of the overfed millionaire is often paraded in the public prints as a horrible example of the evils attendant on the possession of great wealth. But millionaires are not the only ones who are afflicted with bad stomachs. The proportion is far greater among the toilers. Dyspepsia and indigestion are rampant among these people, and they suffer far worse tortures than the millionaire unless they avail themselves of a standard medicine like Green's August Flower, which has been a favorite household remedy for all stomach troubles for over thirty-five years. August Flower rouses the torpid liver, thus creating appetite and insuring perfect digestion. It tones and vitalizes the entire system and makes life worth living, no matter what your station. Trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c. R. R. Bellamy. sun, wed, fri tf

A Negro Rapist In Custody.

Richmond, Va., December 12.—Chief of Police Ritz, of Wheeling, W. Va., left Richmond this evening, having in custody Thomas Easton , a negro, charged with assaulting a young Sister of Mercy in St. Johns Orphan Asylum, near Wheeling. Chief Ritz reached the city last night from Columbia, Va., bringing with him Easton, who lived near the twon mentioned. Easton was working on a railroad near Wheeling at the time the crime was committed, and he and two other negroes are charged with the fiendish deed.

Elks' Pool Contest.

The December Pool contest will be held at the Elk club Tuesday evening beginning at 8:30. The players will be divided into three classes according to their skill. Prizes will be awarded the winners of each class. All the winners of the previous contest will participate this time and the members of the club look forward to an interesting and exciting evening. There are about 30 entries.

Mr. F. J. Abbott, of Florence, S. C., was a guest of The Orton last night.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

Saturday, December 12.

COTTON—Steady at 12c.
Receipts of cotton today—3,142 bales.
Receipts same day last year—1,867 bales.
Receipts of the season to date—260,437 bales.
Receipts last season to date—243,231 bales.

NAVAL STORES.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Nothing doing.
ROSIN—Nothing doing.
TAR—Firm at $1.70.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm; hard $2.25; dip $3.80; virgin $3.80.
Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 46c; rosin $1.10 and $1.15;; tar firm at $1.45; crude turpentine quiet at $1.35 and $2.50.
Receipts today—28 casks spirits turpentine, 340 barrels rosin, 236 barrels tar, 142 barrels crude turpentine.
Receipts same day last year—32 casks spirits turpentine, 236 barrels rosin, 232 barrels tar, 32 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE.

SALT—Prices car load lots—100 lbs C F 40c; 200 lbs C F 80c; 200 lbs F F coarse 75c; 180 lbs coarse 72c; 100 lbs Table 90c to $1.15; 200 lbs Rock Cattle $1.50.
DRY SALTED SIDES—7½ to 8.
BUTTER—27 to 30c.
COFFEE—7½ to 11c.
FLOUR—Straights $4.20 to $4.30; 2nd patents $4.40 to $4.50; full $4.90 to $5.25.
MOLASSES—S. House 14; New Orleans Brights 23 to 25; Porto Rico 30; Cuba 28.
SUGAR—Granulated $4.75; W. C. X. No. 5 $4.55; No. 7 $4.50; No. 9 $4.40; No. 11 $4.30.
LARD—(Tierce Basis) Pure 8¼ cents Compound 7½ to 7¾c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina 65 to 72½; Virginia 60 to 70; Spanish 70 to 77½.
BEESWAX—26 to 27c.
CORN—60 to 62½.
CORN MEAL—57 to 60.
EGGS—25c.
CHICKENS—Hens 25c; spring 10 to 15 cents.
TURKEYS—13 cents.
BEEF—2 to 4c.
N. C. BACON—Hams (old) 16½ cents; shoulders 12½; sides 12½.
SWEET POTATOES—40c.
SHINGLES—Per 1,000; 5-inch saps $2.00; 5-inch hearts, $2.50; 6-inch saps $2.00; 6-inch hearts $4.00.
TIMBER:—

Per M feet—Extra milling	$7.50@8.50
Mill prime	$6.00@6.50
Mill fair	$4.50@5.50
Common mill	$4.00@4.50
Inferior, to ordinary	$3.50@4.00

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Quotations on local securities furnished by Hugh MacRae & Co.

STOCKS	Bid	Asked.
A. C. L. of Conn	220	250
N. C. Railroad	171	—
BANKS.		
Atlantic Nat Bank	—	245
Murchison Nat. Bank	137	—
People's Sav. Bank	150	--
Wil. Sav. & Trust Co	475	—
Atlantic Tr. & Banking Co	120	—
MILL STOCK.		
Anderson Cot. Mills	123	126
Clifton Mfg Co	—	101
F. W. Poe Mfg Co	—	137½
Granby Cot. Mills, S. C.	—	—
Henrietta Mills, S. C.	—	200
Union Cot. Mills pfd S. C.	—	103½
Pelzer Mfg Co	166	175
Piedmont Mfg Co	—	200
BONDS.		
A. C. L. 4% cert	—	80
A. C. L. Con. 5% cert	105	—
W. & N. 4's	—	100
North Carolina 4's	103	105
North Carolina 6's	130	133
New Hanover County 5's	102	—
Wilmington 5's	102	—

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

FINANCIAL

New York, December 12.—Money on call nominal. No loans. Time loans steady; sixty days and ninety days 6 per cent.; six months 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers bills at $4.83.35 to $4.82.40 for demand and at $4.79.90 to $4.80 for sixty day bills. Posted rates $4.80½ to $4.81 and $4.84 to $4.84½. Commercial bills $4.79½ to $4.79Z. Bar silver 55⅛. Mexican dollars 41½.

STOCKS.

A. C. L.	110 asked
A. C. L pfd	—
Atchison	67⅜
Baltimore and Ohio	78
Chesapeake and Ohio	32¼
Delaware and Hudson	157½
Illinois Central	129⅛
Louisville and Nashville	105½
Manhattan L	148½
Metropolitan Street Railway	121
New York Central	117½
Norfolk and Western	53½
Norfolk and Western pfd	87
Pennsylvania	115⅝
Reading	43⅞
Seaboard	13 bid
Seaboard pfd	22@23
Southern Pacific	43½
Southern Railway	20⅝
Southern Railway pfd	76¾
Union Pacific	77

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Adams Express	220
American	185
United States	101
Wells Fargo	200

MISCELLANEOUS.

Amalgamated Copper	44⅞
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	48
Pullman Palace Car	213
Standard Oil	660
Tennessee Coal and Iron	31¼
United States Steel	10⅝
United States Steel pfd	53¾
Western Union	86½
Virginia Carolina Ch	24⅛
Virginia Carolina Ch pfd	93 bid

BONDS.

United States refundisg 2's reg	105½
United States refunding 2's cou	106
United States 3's reg	107¼
United States 3's cou	107¼
United States new 4's reg	133½
United States new 4's cou	133½
United States old 4's reg	109
United States old 4's cou	110
United States 5's reg	101¼
United States 5's cou	101¼
Atlantic Coast Line 4's	93
L. and N. uni. 4's	100⅜
Seaboard Air Line 4's	71½
Southern Railway 5's	113¼

COTTON.

Liverpool, December 12.—1 p. m.—Cotton: Spot quiet, prices 8 points higher. American middling fair 7.02; good middling 6.86; middling 6.76; low middling 6.70; good ordinary 6.60; ordinary 6.40. The sales of the day were 4,000 bales of which 200 were for speculation and export and included 3,700 American. Receipts 37,000 bales including 23,200 American.

Futures opened and closed steady. American middling G. O. C: December 6.62@6.63; December and January 6.58; January and February 6.53@6.54; February and March 6.52; March and April 6.50@6.51; April and May 6.49; May and June 6.48; June and July 6.46; July and August 6.43; August and September 6.30.

PORT RECEIPTS.

Galveston firm at 12c; net receipts 11,879 bales.

Norfolk steady at 12¼c; net receipts 3,508 bales.

Baltimore nominal at 12.25.

Boston quiet at 12.45; net receipts 57 bales.

Wilmington steady at 12c; net receipts 3,142 bales.

Philadelphia quiet at 12.70; net receipts 58 bales.

Savannah steady at 12c; net receipts 8,659 bales.

New Orleans steady at 12⅛c; net receipts 10,987 bales.

Mobile firm at 12c; net receipts 720 bales.

Memphis steady at 12c; net receipts 1,930 bales.

Augusta firm at 12¼c; net receipts 1,892 bales.

Charleston quiet at 11⅞c; net receipts 652 bales.

Cincinnati dull at 11c; net receipts 607 bales.

Louisville firm at 12⅜c.

St. Louis quiet at 12⅛c; net receipts 150 bales.

Houston steady at 11 15-16c; net receipts 13,479 bales.

New York, December 12.—Cotton quiet at 12.45; net receipts 115 bales; gross receipts 13,400 bales; sales 68,563 bales.

Total today at all seaports—Net receipts 39,717 bales; exports to Great Britain 16,374 bales; to France 17,176 bales; to the continent 16,148 bales, stock 897,050 bales.

Consolidated at all seaports—Net receipts 39,717 bales; exports to Great Britain 16,374 bales; to France 17,276 bales; to the continent 16,148 bales.

Total since September 1st at all seaports—Net receipts 4,371,292 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,272,473 bales; to France 470,732 bales; to the continent 1,296,456 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 12.45; middling gulf 12.70; sales none.

Futures closed barely steady; December 12.03; January 12.14; February 12.26; March 12.37; April 12.41; May 12.46; June 12.43; July 12.44; August 12.14.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Chicago, December 12.—The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
Dec (new)	79¼	79¼	78⅛	78¾
May	81¾	81¾	80¾	81⅝
July	77¼	77¼	76⅛	76⅞
Corn, No. 2—				
Dec	42¼	42⅜	41¼	41¼
May	43½	43½	43⅛	43¼
July	43⅜	43⅜	43⅛	43⅛
Oats, No. 2—				
Jan	34¾	35¼	34¾	35¼
May	36⅞	37⅛	36⅝	37
July	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛
Mess Pork, per bbl—				
Jan	11.27½	11.47½	11.27½	11.45
May	11.72½	11.85	11.65	11.82½
Lard, per 100 lbs—				
Jan	6.45	6.50	6.45	6.50
May	6.65	6.67½	6.62½	6.67½
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs—				
Jan	6.10	6.17½	6.07½	6.17½
May	6.27½	6.35	6.25	6.35

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady; winter patents $4.00 to $4.25; straights $3.70 to $4.10; spring patents $4.00 to $4.30; straights $3.50 to $3.75; bakers $2.40 to $3.25; No 3 spring wheat 78 to 81; No. 2 red 81⅛ to 83¼; No. 2 corn 41½; No. 2 yellow 44; No. 2 oats 35½; No. 3 white 34¼ to 35; mess pork per barrel $11.50 to $11.62½; lard per 100 pounds $6.47½ to $6.50 short clear sides (boxed) $6.12½ to $6.25; whiskey basis of high wines $1.26.

New York, December 12.—FLOUR—Neglected but steady; winter patents $4.00 to $4.35; Minnesota patents $4.50 to $4.75.

WHEAT—Spot easy; No. 2 red 85⅝. Options lost some of their bullishness this morning under sales for long account. Late in the session wheat rallied on war talk and closed steady at ¼ to ½ net decline. May 85¼; July 81¾; December 90.

CORN—Spot steady; No. 2, 53. Corn opened firmer on the rain and snow through the west but later followed the wheat decline. The close was dull and net unchanged. May closed 49¼; December closed 52.

OATS—Spot dull; No. 2, 41⅛.

LARD—Steady; western steamed $6.90; refined dull; continent $7.20; compound 6¼ to 6½.

PORK—Steady; family $16.25 to $15.50; short clear sides $13.00 to $15.00; mess $12.75 to $13.50.

BUTTER—Dull and weak; extra creamery 25; state dairy 19 to 22.

CHEESE—Quiet; state full cream fancy small colored September 12; late made 10; small white September 12; late made 10.

EGGS—Firm; state and Pennsylvania nearby average best 31.

POTATOES — Firm; Long Island $2.12 to $2.37; Jersey $2.00 to $2.25; Jersey sweets $1.50 to $3.50; state and western $2.12 to $2.25.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy handpicked 4¾ to 5; other domestic 3 to 5.

CABBAGES—Firm; domestic per 100 $6.00 to $10.00; per barrel $1.50 to $2.25.

RICE—Quiet; domestic fair to extra 3¾ to 5¾; Japan nominal.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans open kettle good to choice 31 to 38.

SUGAR—Raw nominal; fair refining 3⅛; centrifugal 96 test 3⅝; molasses sugar 2⅞; refined dull; confectioners A $4.30; mould A $4.40; cut loaf $5.05; crushed $5.05; powdered $4.55; granulated $4.45; cubes $4.70.

COTTON SEED OIL—Was dull but firm at the recent advance. Prime crude fob mills 26 to 27; prime summer yellow 35 to 35½; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 37 to 38; prime winter yellow 38 to 40.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, December 12.—Turpentine steady 59½ to 60. Rosin steady, strained common to good $2.25.

Savannah, December 12.—Turpentine firm 56;. Rosin firm. Quote A B C D F $2.20; G $2.30; H $2.35; I $2.55; K $2.80; M $2.90; N $3.05; W G $3.25; W W $3.50.

Charleston, December 12.—Turpentine steady 55½. Rosin steady; A B C E F $2.10; G $2.15; H $2.25; I $2.45; K $2.70; M $2.80; N $2.95; W G $3.15; W W $3.40.

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