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"Free from the doting scruples that fetter our free-born reason."

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GOV. HAMPTON'S CONDITION.

The very latest reports from Columbia, last night, concerning the condition of Gov. Hampton, represent his symptoms as being much more favorable for recovery than they have been at any time since the amputation of his leg. He has an iron constitution, and it is now believed that a change for the better took place in his condition during yesterday afternoon and last night. While these may be only temporary, it is now believed that it is possible—more than probable—that he may yet recover, to add yet more honors to his name and service to his native State.

RAILROAD BUILDING, POPULATION, &C.

The Wilmington *Star* and a correspondent of that journal argue strongly in behalf of a proposed railroad from Wilmington via Fayetteville, Greensboro, Mt Airy and Wilkesboro to Ore Knob, Ashe county. It is claimed that the road would not only furnish an outlet to the vast region of country which it would tap, but would at the same time empty a large commerce into the lap of "our city by the sea." The correspondent speaks thus glowingly of the project:

If this road is ever built it will do more for the State, and all the towns along the line of the road, and for those at either end, than any and all of your roads have yet done. I cannot be mistaken in this result. I have frequently passed over every foot of the line, or nearly so, and I know of what I speak. A good, substantial narrow gauge road penetrating this piedmont country, will wake to life more energy than any road ever built of the same length, and be the medium over or through which more freight will be sent to your city than the most sanguine of your people have yet imagined. All the products of this large section of country, or nearly all, must seek a Southern market.

Railroads are a great convenience to any people, undoubtedly, but they don't pay. The line proposed would doubtless serve the people along it and in the country touched a most excellent purpose, and would redound to the great advantage of Wilmington; but if it is ever built the people who build it must make up their minds that what money they contribute toward it is a contribution indeed—that they will never receive any direct return—no return at all, in fact, except in the probable increase in the value of property, the increased facilities for shipment of their products and the advantages and conveniences which they will naturally enjoy from communication with the outside world. If this is return sufficient, well and good. But when in the end their railroad stock depreciates and their railroad goes to sale, they must not abuse the "land-sharks" who buy it up and call them "bloated bondholders who have no interest in our people except to gobble up property which does not belong to them." But for these same corporations many railroads which are to-day in operation in the country would be utterly at a stand still and the road-beds used only as cow paths.

We are certainly no enemy of railroads, or of those who build or operate them, but the truth about the business is that we have all the railroads now the country—that is to say this part of it—can support. What we need first is a thrifty population, capable of producing enough to keep a railroad enterprise alive. A railroad must haul freight and a great deal of it in order to be self-sustaining. The freight must be produced before it can be hauled, and we may talk never so much about this section and that section being the finest country in the world, but it isn't worth a copper until it is made to bring forth that which represents *money*. Whatever its capabilities may be in this direction there must be somebody to "tickle its bosom with a rake" before it will "bring forth plenteous harvests." The first thing is to get among us those who are willing to undertake the tickling and after the abundant harvests is the time to invoke the aid which only the railroad can furnish.

This question of railroad building is a very practical question indeed, and those who contemplate engaging in such enterprises should, before undertaking it, ask themselves seriously what they will do with a railroad after they get it.

There has lately been issued "an address to the people of Virginia" on the public debt question, which was signed among others, by a number of clergymen. Bishop Keane, of the Catholic Church, was solicited to sign the document but refused to have anything to do with it. The Richmond *Whig* is strong in its denunciation of this mixture of politics and religion, and criticises quite severely that portion of the clergy which signed the address.

It has been said that there is an organized conspiracy on foot in the country among the communists, or whatever you may call them, to burn all the watering places. The fires of such destructiveness at Atlantic City and Cape May are represented as a result of the scheme, and the recent attempt to fire Newport is cited as another evidence of the fact that the conspiracy is general.

Bob Ingersoll, having made an attack on the great Jewish law-giver in a lecture entitled "Some Mistakes of Moses," a Jewish rabbi in Atlanta has taken up the cudgels and is conducting the defense in behalf of Moses.

Georgia Tragedies.

MACON, GA., Dec. 13.—Last night, at Cochran, C. R. Pennick committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. Family trouble the cause.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Dec. 13.—Hamp Gibson fatally shot his brother-in-law, Styles, in a bar room.

A NEED OF AGGRESSIVENESS.

All the misfortunes that have ever overtaken the Democratic party have proceeded from its blunders, and the half of its blunders have been the result of timidity. One of our gravest needs is that of a man in the halls of Congress with courage, ability and judgment, to occasionally take the aggressive in some of the partisan debates which mark the proceedings of Congress; a man who will attack Radicalism in its strongholds, and show up its frauds, its extravagances and corruptions, and throw the Radicals on the defensive. It is true there is but little encouragement to any Democratic Congressman to take a manly stand in relation to this question, since there are so many time-servers, newspaper editors and others, always standing ready to condemn as imprudence, any exhibition of manliness. Hon. Fernando Wood, of New York, was a victim of this style of criticism on the very first day of the session when he arose in his seat and made a few home-thrusts.

We are tired of this servility; we are tired of always waiting to be driven into a corner and then yelping like scared curs; we are tired of our people always standing around waiting to see what the enemy is going to do and say. We need not fear the issue; we profess not to fear it; if not, then let us occasionally make it; let us press the point and put the Radicals where they have so long had us.

FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

WHAT THE SOLONS ACCOMPLISHED YESTERDAY.

Captions of the New Bills—Provisions of the New Electoral Bill—The Proposed Methods of Army Promotion.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—SENATE—A number of bills were introduced and referred during the morning hour, among them the following:

By Mr. Plumb, of Kansas: To provide for a temporary increase of the army in emergencies. Referred to the committee on military affairs.

By Mr. Conkling, of New York, by request: To amend the laws relating to pensions. He said the bill concerned the fees of pension attorneys. He opposed the recent act on that subject, which fixed the maximum rate of fees; under the operations of this bill attorneys refused to act. This bill came to him with letters from persons entitled to pensions, complaining that under the guise of protecting them, a law had been put upon the statute books preventing them from securing the services of respectable attorneys. Referred to the committee on pensions.

Mr. Gordon, of Georgia, introduced a bill to secure a more efficient collection of the revenue from cigars. Referred to the finance committee.

At the expiration of the morning hour the Senate resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, being Mr. Edmunds' bill in regard to the counting of the electoral vote, and Mr. Bayard, of Delaware, spoke in favor of the bill.

Following Mr. Bayard, Mr. Eaton spoke in opposition to the bill. In his judgment there could be, constitutionally, no legislation upon this question. There ought not to be any interposition by Congress between the States and the constitution in regard to choosing electors.

After considerable discussion the bill passed by a vote of 33 to 26. [The bill as passed provides that the electors of President and Vice-President shall be appointed in each State on the first Tuesday in October in every fourth year, and on the same day in October whenever there shall be a vacancy in both of the offices of President and Vice-President. The electors are to meet and give their votes for President and Vice-President on the second Monday in January next following, at such place in each State as the Legislature of such State shall direct. In case of vacancy in both the offices of President and Vice-President, occurring more than two months next preceding the first Tuesday in October, the Secretary of State shall cause notification thereof to be made to the executive of every State. It further provides that each State may provide by law (enacted prior to the day named for the appointment of electors) for the appointment of such electors for the trial and determination of any controversy concerning their appointment before the time fixed for their meeting, the second Monday in January. The electoral vote shall be counted by the two houses of Congress on the second Monday of February, succeeding every meeting of the electors. Every objection shall be made in writing, stating the reasons and be signed by at least one Senator and one member of the House of Representatives.]

Pending an earnest attempt by Mr. Blaine to take up his resolution regarding citizens being deprived of their constitutional rights, the Senate adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE.—The resolution looking to the investigation of the official conduct of J. I. Davenport, United States supervisor of elections, has been adopted without objection, after being amended so as to make the investigation extend to his conduct on the days of registration.

Among the details of the army reorganization bill are provisions that "hereafter all vacancies in the grade of second lieutenants shall be filled by appointment from graduates of the military academy and by promotion of meritorious soldiers;" and that "the general officers shall be selected from the army; the major-generals from the brigadier-generals, and the brigadier-generals from the field officers of the line." These provisions, together with the section which requires appointments to the grades above second lieutenancies to be made by lineal promotion, cover the subject of appointment into the army. It is claimed therefore by members of the commission that the accidental repeal of section 1218, of the revised statutes, which forbids the appointment in the army of any person who served in the Confederate cause, will not open the door to the appointment of Confederate officers or soldiers to any grade except that of second lieutenant, and to that only through gradation at the military academy or by promotion from rank.

The House went into committee of the whole on the private calendar without any important action.

Adjourned until to-morrow.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

The House naval committee met this morning, but the Republican members not being prepared with a minority report on the Robeson investigation, the subject was postponed until Tuesday. It was decided to hold a special meeting to consider Representative Harris' bill for the reorganization of the navy, but the date was not fixed.

Hampton Better.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 13.—Gov. Hampton rested comfortably last night, and the attending physicians report him as much improved to-day.

STATE NEWS.

Apex has a farmer and mechanics' club.

Two China Grove negroes have swapped wives and run away.

The Western Hotel, at Hickory, has been closed.

They are beginning to nominate unknown men for the United States Senate.

Beaufort county is shipping quantities of sweet potatoes to Providence Rhode Island.

The Mooresville amateurs are to give an entertainment during the Christmas holidays.

The *Piedmont Press* says: THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER gets better every day.

Col. W. W. Lenoir is experimenting with blue grass in Watauga and finds that it flourishes.

The Statesville *American* says no legislation would benefit Iredell county so much as the stock law and a dog law.

Some Wilmingtonians are preparing a Christmas box for the children of the orphan asylum.

George T. Terrell, Joseph H. Wilson and Nelson Campbell have been appointed revenue storekeepers and gaugers for the fifth district of North Carolina.

A lady in Wayne county married an Indiana man who is 62 years old and has been blind for 17 years. The lady is on the shady side of—well, say about 40.

The citizens of Lenoir county have met and passed resolutions setting forth the necessity of an increase in the appropriation for clearing out the Neuse river and rendering it navigable.

A correspondent says the clock in the cupola of Hillsboro court house was presented to Orange county by George III. in 1753, yet keeps good time:

Judge Edwin G. Reade has associated himself with Messrs. C. M. and F. H. Busbee in the practice of law in Raleigh. The firm name is Reade, Busbee & Busbee.

There is getting to be a lot of talk in the papers of all sections of the State about the stock law and the press is almost unanimously in favor of its general adoption.

The Milton *Chronicle* says the depot of the Milton & Sutherlin Railroad at Sutherlin was broken into and robbed last Monday night of $45 worth of goods belonging to N. T. Riggs and Friou & Fleming of Milton.

The *Gazette* says that last Sunday night the house of Mr. A. J. Sloop, of Mooresville, came near being destroyed by the burning of the stubble on a field adjoining it. The fire crept up near to the pine fence but was arrested.

The *American* says that a Statesville merchant, on removing the bung of a barrel of sorghum, discovered that the whole contents had changed to sugar of excellent quality, and twice the value of molasses.

During the month of November the revenue force under Special Deputy Bryan, of this district, destroyed 31 illicit distilleries, still and fixtures; 460 stands; 32,000 gallons of beer and a lot of bad whiskey. So says the Statesville *American*.

The *Piedmont Press* states that Mr. John H. Pearson and Miss Florence, daughter of Col. T. G. Walton, of Morganton, were married in the Episcopal church of that town Wednesday morning, December 11th.

Raleigh *Farmer and Mechanic*: It shows how far we have gotten back towards the old time impartiality in the Federal courts, when such men as Dr. Thos. D. Martin and Dr. Thos. D. Hogg, are drawn as foremen of the grand and petit juries of the Circuit Court now sitting, and serve.

Goldsboro *Messenger*: The tobacco raised in this section takes the lead in the tobacco markets. Mr. Arnold Borden sold 1,000 pounds a few days ago at Durham, it being an average of his crop, for $351.89. Mr. Borden made about 20,000 pounds this year. The lot sold was the product of about two acres.

Raleigh *Observer* of Thursday: The Governor on yesterday appointed W. H. Leatherwood a commissioner of Haywood county, in the stead of Walter Brown, who declined to qualify. Also John Green, a commissioner of Polk county, vice Jesse Rhodes, who preferred not to serve.

The surviving members of the old Second North Carolina infantry, resident in Wilmington, had a reunion Wednesday night at the residence of their former chaplain, Rev. Dr. Watson, of the city named.

Chas. Wesley Warren who used to preach in Wilmington, has been victimizing the people of Rochester, N. Y., delivering temperance lectures, representing himself as a brand plucked from the burning. He is a brand but he has never been plucked. "Chain up the dog."

The Piedmont wagon company, composed of Messrs. G. C. Bonniwell, A. L. Ramsour and A. J. Deiz, has been organized at Hickory. The *Press* says they turn out nothing but first-class work and that their enterprise is worthy of encouragement. Being a home industry we hope it will receive it.

The Asheville *Citizen* is greatly pleased to learn that a party of Swiss gentlemen, Messrs. Pavid, Durhain, Morier and Corthrey, have bought the Elk Mountain property—one of the finest dairy farms in the United States—and purpose establishing a Swiss cheese factory, which is pronounced by connoisseurs to be the best cheese in the world.

Salem *Press*: Last Monday the United States surveying corps reached Idoll's Ferry, on the Yadkin river. The company numbers 30 and the average rate of travel is from 5 to 6 miles per day. Three good sized boats, one the "Christian Reid," are used for transportation by the party. Frequent rains cause much delay. The success of making the Yadkin navigable, is spoken of as highly probable.

The Asheville *Citizen* says: Judge Avery more than gives satisfaction to the people in Madison. He gets through the special term this week, and has practically cleared the docket—civil and criminal. The plain country folks greatly admire the judge, the way he works, his plain, unassuming manner, impartial judgment, and unaffected courtesy. One of them, one of the best men in the county, says: "Judge Avery is the best judge he has seen on the bench since the war; that he is the first one to walk up to and speak to him who has been to Madison." This speaks the man in full volumes.

Presence of Mind Averts a Panic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A serious catastrophe was avoided this morning by the presence of mind of the principals of the Water street public school. Fire broke out in the building, but 1,200 children were dismissed without knowledge of the fact under the plea that carpenters were coming to work. After all were in safety the alarm was given and the fire extinguished.

Free of charge. Your druggist will refund your money if Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup does not give you satisfaction and cure your cough.

DRAMA IN THE COURT ROOM.

A DOCTOR CONVICTED OF A CRIME WHICH A WOMAN AVOWS.

A Scene Which Occurred in one of the New York Courts Yesterday.

NEW YORK, December 13.—A dramatic scene was enacted in the General Sessions this morning, previous to the sentencing of Dr. Bradford, convicted of causing the death of Sarah Victoria Conners, by malpractice. His counsel made an appeal for a new trial on legal points and on the additional ground of newly discovered evidence. The prisoner addressed the court protesting his innocence and narrating the manner in which he discovered his new evidence. While in the Tombs a young woman visited him and remarked that she had some little things belonging to "Vicky" Conners. He closely questioned her and she admitted performing operations upon the girl. At this point the woman, who had been sitting in court, rose and in a thrilling tone exclaimed: "It is all true! I confess before God and Jesus Christ that I am guilty and that this man is innocent."

The woman then made her way to the side of Bradford and gave the details of the crime. She stated that it was only after continued solicitations on the part of the girl that she consented to perform the operation and that she received therefor $60. Frightened at the consequences of the act she took the girl to Dr. Bradford, after making her promise not to tell, returned her $10 out of the $60 and then left her in the doctor's office.

The woman subsequently gave her name as Madame Charardi clairvoyant, of 165 Pierrepoet street, Brooklyn. After a brief conversation between counsels Judge Sutherland quietly turned to the woman and remarked: "I think we have had enough of your story; you have got through your part of the play."

Assistant District Attorney Rollins, addressing the court, said: "Haven't we had enough of this? This man has added to his many infamies by bringing this woman here to tell her lies;" and then moved for sentence. Judge Sutherland denied the motion for a new trial but granted twenty days to prepare exceptions. He then sentenced the prisoner (who again protested his innocence) to the State prison for fourteen years and six months. The prisoner, staggered by the sentence, was condoled with by the self-accused woman, who again and again reiterated his innocence. After his removal Madame Cherardi left the court, no effort being made to retain her.

Recommendations and Action of the Executive Committee of the National Board of Trade.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—The executive council of the national board of trade, in session here, has agreed to hold its meetings in Washington uniformly instead of various cities in turn as heretofore. The council has laid before appropriate committees of Congress the action of the board favoring a systematic and thorough revision of the tariff by a competent commission, and the appointment of a similar commission to unite with one representing the Dominion of Canada in forming a new and broad reciprocity treaty as a basis for negotiating between the two governments concerned, the modification of the navigation laws, the assertion by the general government of its authority and jurisdiction over the navigable waters of the country and the establishment of a department of commerce as a branch of government to have in charge the various industrial interests of the nation.

Proceedings of the Union League.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—The session of the Union League of America was more largely attended yesterday than the day before, many members of the national council arriving from the Western and Southern States. The council reconvened at 10, ex-Gov. Newell, of New Jersey, presiding. An address to the nation was adopted and officers for the ensuing year elected. Arrangements were completed for the appointment of an executive committee of ten, of whom five are to be in New York and five in Washington.

A Lunatic Threatens Victoria.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A man named Madden was arraigned at Bow street to-day, charged with having made threats against the life of Queen Victoria. It appears he is a hanirless lunatic, and has been known as such for twenty years past, and the affair is regarded as unimportant.

"The Flurry in Stocks"

Always means an opportunity for some shrewd and lively operator to make a handsome profit. Messrs. Lawrence & Co., Bankers, N. Y., have established the new combination system for operating in stocks, so that capital in any amount from $5 to $50,000 can be used profitably at any time that may suit the customer. By pooling the orders of thousands of patrons into one immense sum, and operating them as a mighty whole under the most experienced skill, vast profits are made, which could be gained in no other way. These are divided pro rata among shareholders monthly. An investment of $10 returns $50, or 5 per cent. on the stock. $100 pays $950, and so on according to the market. J. M. Lyon, St. Louis, made over three hundred per cent. on an investment in October by the combination method. Messrs. Lawrence & Co's new circular (mailed free) has "two unerring rules for success," and full information so that any one can operate with profit. Stocks and bonds wanted. Government bonds supplied. Apply to Lawrence & Co., Bankers, 57 Exchange Place, N. Y. City.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORTS.

DECEMBER 13, 1877

PRODUCE.

CINCINNATI—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull and drooping; red and white 85a95. Corn steady and in fair demand at 32, cash 33. Oats at full prices, 23a26. Porkfirm at 7.90. Lard active and firm; steam 5.55. Bulk meats dull; partly cured shoulders 2.60a70, clear ribs 3.65a75, clear sides 3.75a85; bacon quiet; shoulders 3, clear rib 4¼, clear sides 4½. Whiskey steady and unchanged. Butter steady and unchanged. Sugar steady and unchanged. Hogs steady and in good demand; packing 2.60a75.

BALTIMORE—Oats steady, firm, no stock; Southern 28a31, Western white 30a31, do mixed 28a30, Pennsylvania 28a31. Rye nominally firm; Southern 55a7. Hay dull; prime Pennsylvania and Maryland 10a11. Provisions quiet; fair jobbing trade only; mess pork 8.25; bulk meats—loose shoulders 3, clear rib sides, 4a4¼, packed, —; bacon—shoulders old 3½, clear rib sides, new 5¼, hams, new 9a10. Lard—refined tierces 7. Butter more steady but quiet; choice Western packed 16a18, rolls 15a17. Coffee dull and nominal; Rio cargoes 11a15½. Whiskey firm at 1.09a½. Sugar quiet; A soft 8¾a9⅛.

NEW YORK—Flour still in buyers' favor; No. 2, 2.30a75, superfine Western and State 3.40a70, common to good extra Western and State 3.75a4.10, good to choice do 4.15a50; South-ern flour quiet and heavy; common to fair extra 3.90a4.75; good to choice do 4.85a6.00. Wheat 1a1 better; ungraded spring 83a1.02. No. 3 do nominal at 90a91. ungraded red 98a1.07¾. Corn 1a1 better and moderately active; ungraded 45a7. No. 3. 42½a3¼. Oats quiet and unchanged. Coffee steady and moderately active; Maracribo 16¾ in gold; Sugar steady and quiet; fair to good refining 6⅝a⅞, prime 7, refined heavy; standard A 8⅛a⅜, granulated 8⅞, powdered 9¼, crushed 9¼. Molasses quiet and unchanged. Rice unchanged, Carolina 5¾a7, Louisiana 5¼a6½. Pork—mess on spot 7.75. Lard—prime steam on spot 5.92a5.97½. Whiskey quiet and steady at 1.09a½. Freights lower.

COTTON.

NORFOLK—Steady; middling 8⅜c.; net receipts 2,184; gross —; stock 29,555; exports coastwise —; sales —; exports to Great Britain —.

Weekly net receipts 16,801; gross —; sales 5,140; exports coastwise 8,682; to Great Britain 2,301; to France —.

BALTIMORE—Dull; middling 8⅜c.; low middling 8c.; good ordinary 7¾c.; net receipts —; gross 57; sales 170; stock 3,835; exports coastwise —; spinners —; exports to Great Britain —; to Continent —.

Weekly net receipts 783; gross 2,921; sales 1,000; spinners 295; exports to Gr't Britain 1,912; coastwise 145; to Continent 500; to France —.

BOSTON—Dull; middling 9c.; low middling 8½c; good ordinary 8¼c; net receipts 508; gross 1,661; sales —; stock 2,346; exports to Great Britain —.

Weekly net receipts 3,921; gross 8,684; sales— exports to Great Britain 2,843.

WILMINGTON—Lower; middling 8¼c.; low middling 7⅞c.; good ordinary 7¼; net receipts 141; gross —; sales —; stock 13,423; spinners —; exports coastwise —; to Great Britain; to Continent —.

Weekly net receipts 2,907; gross —; sales —; exports coastwise 2,244; to Great Britain —; to Continent 2,656; to France —; spinners —; to channel —.

PHILADELPHIA — Quiet; middling 9c.; low middling 8¾c.; good ordinary 8½c.; net receipts 88; gross 299; sales 779; spinners —; stock 6,558; exports to Great Britain —.

Weekly net receipts 1,223; gross 4,462; sales 3,041; spinners 2,703; exports to Gr't Britain 2454; stock —.

AUGUSTA—Steady; middling 8c.; low middling 7½c.; good ordinary 7c.; receipts 1,311; shipments —; sales 881; stock —.

Weekly net receipts 7,828; shipments 7,249; sale 7,242; spinners —; stock —.

CHARLESTON—Steadier; middling 8¾c.; low middling 8¼c.; good ordinary 7¾c.; net receipts 5.-708; gross —; sales 2,000; stock 81,806; exports coastwise —; Great Britain —; France —; to Continent —; to channel —.

Weekly net receipts 22,458; gross —; sales 13.-200; exports coastwise 3,565; to Continent 10,976; to Great Britain 9,262; to France —; to channel —.

NEW YORK—Quiet; sales 287; middling uplands 8 13-16c.; orleans 8 5-16; consolidated net receipts —; gross —; exports to Great Britain —; to Continent —; to France —.

Weekly net receipts 5,822; gross 25,518; exports to Great Britain 25,690; to Continent 800; to France 726; sales 4,323; stock 73,279.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

Net receipts at all United States ports during the week	219,407
Same week last year	203,700
Total receipts to this date	2,162,168
" " to same date last year	1,853,120
Exports for the week	110,076
Same week last year	127,822
Total exports to this date	1,148,664
" " to same date last year	824,800
Stock at all United States ports	703,193
" " " " same time last year	746,957
Stock at all interior towns	161,430
" " " same time last year	107,663
Stock at Liverpool	324,000
" " same time last year,	306,000
Stock of American afloat for G. Britain,	276,000
Same time last year	248,000

LIVERPOOL—NOON—In moderate inquiry, which was freely supplied. Middling uplands 4⅞, Orleans 5¼, low middlingg uplands —, good ordinary uplands —, ordinary uplands —, sales 10,000, speculation & export 2,500, receipts 6,900, American 1,900. Futures opened partly 1-32 cheaper, but the decline has since been recovered. Uplands low middling clause: December delivery 4 13-16, December and January 4 13-16a7-32, January and February —, February and March 4⅞, March and April 4 31-32, April and May 5 1-32, May and June 5 3-32, June and July 5⅜a3-32, July and August —. New crop shipped November and December per sail —.

Sales for the week	55,000
American	43,000
Speculation	2,000
Export	11,000
Actual exports	9,000
Imports	48,000
American	34,000
Stock	324,000
American	192,000
Afloat	337,000
American	276,000

5 p. m.—Sales included — American. Futures —offerings free. Uplands low middling clause:—December delivery —, December and January —, January and February 4 29-32, February and March 4 15-16, March and April 5, April and May 5 3-32, May and June 5 5-32, June and July 5 3-16.

FUTURES.

NEW YORK—Futures closed steady. Sales 125,000 bales.

December	8.83a.84
January	8.95
February	9.06a.07
March	9.18a.19
April	9.29a.30
May	9.41a.42
June	9.51a.52
July	9.60
August	9.65a.67

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK—Money active at 1.02½a3. Exchange at 4.82½. Gold steady at ⅛. Governments strong. New 5's 1.06⅜. State bonds dull.

CITY COTTON MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, CHARLOTTE, December 14, 1878.

The market yesterday closed quiet and unchanged:

Good middling	7¾a7⅞
Middling	7⅝
Strict low middling	7⅜
Low middling	7⅛
Tinges	7⅛a¼
Stains	6¾a7

CHARLOTTE PRODUCE MARKET.

DECEMBER 12, 1878.

CORRECTED DAILY.

COTTON TIES—	
New, per bdle	$2.25
Spliced, "	1.75
BAGGING, per lb.	12a13
CORN, per bush'l	40a45
MEAL, "	45a50
PEAS, "	50a55
OATS, shelled,	33a35
BACON—	
N. C. hog round	8a9
Hams, N. C.	11½a12
Hams, canvassed	12½a14
BULK MEATS—	
Clear Rib Sides	4⅞a5¼
COFFEE—	
Prime Rio	16a17
Good	14a15
SYRUP—	
Sugar-house	25
MOLASSES—	
Cuba	38a45
SALT—	
Liverpool fine	1.00a2.00
SUGAR—	

New Advertisements.

REVENUE SEIZURE.

U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE, Collector's Office, 6th District, North Carolina, Statesville, December 12th, 1878.

Seized for violation of United States Internal Revenue Laws, on Thursday, December 12th, '78:

One wagon, two mules and harness, and two barrels whiskey, owner unknown.

Notice is hereby given to the owner or claimants of the above described property to appear before me at my office in Statesville, and make claim thereto before the expiration of thirty days from date hereof, or the same will be forfeited to the United States. J. J. MOTT, Collector.
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Confectionaries.

THE "RISING SUN."

According to the command of Joshua of old, although repudiated by the "Jasper Philosophy" of the new, is now standing still, at the Old Place, on Trade Street, opposite the Market House, plus Hornet Fire Engine Hall, where the light of reason illuminates the surrounding atmosphere, which invests all things with the glow of inspiration, and the world no longer seems

"A fleeting show,
To man's illusion given,'

While we honor the name of a Galileo, Newton, Fulton and Morse, whose discoveries have done so much for the natural world, in the aid afforded man in his material labors, what should be the reward of him who fearlessly announces to the world and asserts his ability to demonstrate the fact that he has in store a large fresh stock of Confectioneries of every description. Also, Toys in variety, including Toy Guns *loaded* with love and charity for the "little ones." Wagons, Baskets and Dolls with their hearts, with fine Apples in kind remembrance of "Old Mother Eve's," speculation.

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Revenue Seizures.

NOTICE OF SEIZURE.

U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE. Collector's Office, 6th District North Carolina, Statesville, N. C., November 30th, 1878.

Seized for violation of United States Internal Revenue Laws, on Saturday, November 30th, '78:

Four mules, two wagons and contents and harness, as the property of J. G. and Jos. M. Neal.

Notice is hereby given to the owner or claimants of the above described property to appear before me at my office in Statesville, and make claim thereto before the expiration of thirty days from date hereof, or the same will be forfeited to the United States. J. J. MOTT, Collector.
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Railroads.

CONDENSED TIME.

NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

Date, Nov. 10, '78.	No. 2 Daily	No. 4 Daily	No. 8 Daily ex. Sun.
Leave Charlotte,	3.45 a m	6.55 p m	
" Greensboro,	8.20 a m	"	4.10pm
" Raleigh,	3 00 p m	5.30 a m	
Arrive Goldsboro,	5.25 p m	9.30 a m	

No. 2—Connects at Salisbury with W.N.C.R.R. for all points in Western North Carolina, daily except Sundays. At Greensboro with R. & D. R. R. for all points North, East and West. At Goldsboro with W. & W. R. R. for Wilmington.
No. 4—Connects at Greensboro with R. & D. R. R. for all points North, East and West.

TRAINS GOING WEST.

Date, Nov. 10, '78.	No. 1 Daily.	No. 3 Daily.	No. 7. Daily ex. Sun
Leave Goldsboro,	9.50 a m	5.35 p m	
" Raleigh,	3.50 p m	"	5.30 a m
" Greensboro	8.28 p m	6.47 a m	
Arrive Charlotte,	12.25 a m	10.50 a m	

No. 1—Connects at Greensboro with Salem Branch. At Charlotte with C., C. & A. R. R. for all points South and South-west; at Air-Line Junction with A. & C. A. L. Railroad for all points South and South-east.
No. 3—Connects at Salisbury with W. N. C. R. R. daily except Sunday. At Air-Line Junction with A. & C. A. L. for all points South and South-west. At Charlotte with C., C. & A. Railroad for all points South and South-west.

SALEM BRANCH.

Leave Greensboro, daily except Sunday,		8.50 p m
Arrive Salem,	" " "	10.50 p m
Leave Salem,	" " "	5.45 a m
Arrive Greensboro,	" " "	7.45 a m

Connecting at Greensboro with trains on the R. & D. and N. C. Railroads.

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CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA AND AUGUSTA RAILROAD.

CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA AND AUGUSTA R. R., COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 10, 1878

The following Passenger Schedule will be operated on and after this date:

DAY PASSENGER.

GOING SOUTH, No. 3.

Leave Charlotte	11 00 A. M.
Arrive Columbia	3 49 P. M.
Leave Columbia	3 59 P. M.
Arrive Augusta	8 30 P. M

GOING NORTH, No. 4.

Leave Augusta	9 00 A. M
Arrive Columbia	1 20 P. M
Leave Columbia	1 30 P. M
Arrive Charlotte	6 45 P. M

FREIGHT AND ACCOMMODATION.

GOING SOUTH, No. 7.

Leave Charlotte,	1 20 P. M
Arrive Columbia,	11 55 P. M
Leave Columbia	12 40 A. M
Arrive Augusta	9 30 A. M

GOING NORTH, No. 8.

Leave Augusta	3 00 P. M.
Arrive Columbia	11 30 P. M.
Leave Columbia,	12 05 A. M.
Arrive Charlotte,	10 10 A. M.

Pullman Sleeper on Nos. 3 and 4 runs through from Augusta to New York, leaving New York at 8.15 a. m., and Augusta at 9.00 a. m.

Train No. 7 will lay over at Columbia from 11.55 p. m., Saturday till 12.40 a. m., Monday.

Train No. 8 will lay over at Columbia from 11.30 p. m., Saturday to 12.05 a. m., Monday.

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