

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

COTTON CLOSES AT A DECLINE

Markets Very Quiet and Prices Fluctuated Irregularly Within a Narrow Range—Opening Down 1/2 to 3/4 Points in Response to Lower Cables Than Expected—Scattering Demand for Spinning Railroads' Points, but Absence of Bull Support Caused Easing Off.

STOCK MARKET CLOSES WEAK

Fall in Prices Causes a Consequence of Considerable Liquidation—All Money Was at 20 Per Cent. at the Wind-Up.

C. P. ELLIS & CO.'S COTTON LETTER

Special to The Observer. New York, Dec. 17.—Cotton closed 7 points lower on near and 4 to 5 points on distant markets, whereas an advance of 1 point in the Liverpool market, in view of Saturday's improvement in American markets.

HUBBARD BROS. & CO.'S COTTON LETTER

Special to The Observer. New York, Dec. 17.—In Liverpool the prospect of a large tender of cotton of the December position brought about a decline of 3 points on the near positions, and 4 on the late deliveries.

MILLER & CO.'S COTTON LETTER

Special to The Observer. New York, Dec. 17.—Trading was without special features to-day, crop of a holiday character. Poor cables led to some little weakness at first, followed by temporary improvement.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 17.—Cotton, spot in fair demand; prices 2 points higher; American middling fair 6 1/2; good middling 5 3/4; middling 5 1/4; low middling 5 1/8; good ordinary 4 3/4; low ordinary 4 1/8.

BALTIMORE PRODUCE

Baltimore, Dec. 17.—Flour dull, unchanged. Wheat firmer; spot contract 74 1/2; Southern by sample 104; new 7 1/4 to 7 3/4; old 4 1/2 to 4 3/4.

NEW YORK BONDS

U. S. refunding 2s registered 104 1/2; U. S. refunding 2s coupon 104 1/2; U. S. 3s registered 102 1/2; U. S. 3s coupon 102 1/2.

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CLOSING STOCK LIST

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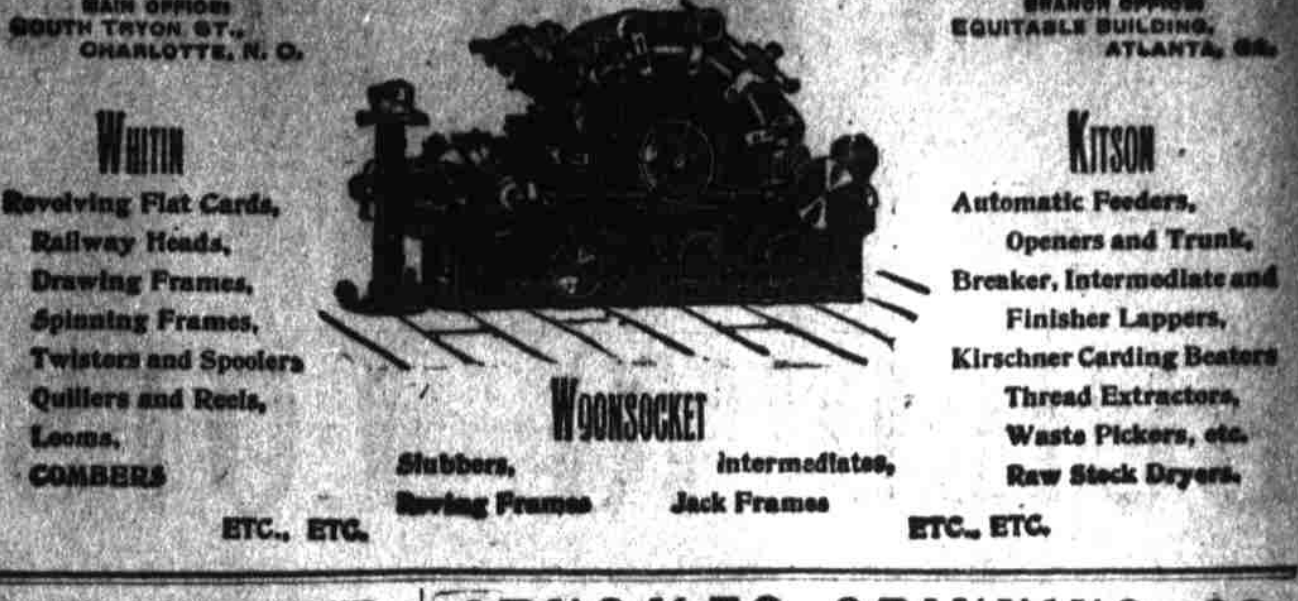
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