COMMERCE AND FINANCE

COTTON MARKET MORE ACTIVE.

Staple Rises Sharply in Response to Covering and Bull Support—New Crop Steady on Reports of More Rain in the South and Backward Farm Work—The Closing Prices Slightly Off From the Best.

New York, Feb. 26.—The cotton market was more active to-day and had a sharp advance on covering and bull support. The close was barely steady in tone but prices were 12 to 18 points net higher. Sales were estimated at 350,000 bales.

The market opened steady at a decline of 6 points to an advance of 2 points, old crop months being influenced by lower cables than expected while the new crop was relatively steady on reports of further rain in the South and additional delays in farm work. There was some rather confident selling during the early session but demand was good, spot people were buying for the near months and shortly after midday the upward tendency became more pronounced as a result of a circular from a leading outside operator reducing his estimate of the crop from 12,000,000 to 11,500,000 bales, and predicting a deficiency in the available supply. After showing a net advance of 12 to 15 points the market reacted slightly under realizing by early buyers, but firmed up again and at one time was 1 to 21 points net higher on bull support and reports that a leading Fall River interest was buying up all available offerings of print cloths. The close was 5 or 6 points from the best on the active positions under realizing. Port receipts were light and slightly exceeded by the exports. Southern spot markets were unchanged to ⅛c. lower. Continental spinners were said to be buying July here and there was some demand from the South.

Receipts at the ports to-day 23,765 bales against 22,380 last week and 34,714 last year. For the week 150,000 bales against 140,496 last week and 196,355 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans 6,643 against 12,855 last year, and at Houston 4,776 against 11,016 last year.

STOCKS STAGNANT.

Special Message from the President Has a Repressive Influence—Speculative Initiative Has About Died Out.

New York, Feb. 26.—The stagnant condition into which the stock market fell to-day leaves it a sterile field from which to draw any lesson bearing on general affairs except as inferences may be deduced negatively, the inference is full justified, for instance, that speculative initiative has died out of the market.

It was known early in the day that a message to Congress from the President was to be sent in during the day, and some repressive influence was assigned to this. The neglected condition of the market was unrelieved after the abstracts of the message were printed. The usually active first hour of the market furnished less than a hundred shares for transfer, the second hour's business dwindled to half a hundred thousand, and the noon hour to half of that. The meeting and adjournment of the Erie directors without taking action on the dividends on the two preferred classes of stocks were not a surprise. The Erie stocks hardened slightly after the noncaction of the directors became known. The sluggish movement of prices showed the same tendency as for several days to retrace its early course during the later portion of the day.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales, par value, $1,812,000.

U. S. bonds were unchanged on call.

Total sales stocks to-day 217,500 shares including: Sugar 800; Const Line 400; L. & N. 300; N. & W. 100; Reading 49,900; Southern Rwy. pfd. 500; U. P. 35,600.

New York, Feb. 26.—Standard Oil 483.

New York, Feb. 26.—M. & O. ct. 4s 77½ bid.

Baltimore, Feb. 26.—Seaboard common and preferred, nothing doing.

Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

Special to The Observer.

New York, Feb. 26.—In Liverpool a sharp decline occurred owing to the selling of March and buying of July to reverse a straddle operation, together with the weakness in the American markets yesterday. These advices led to a lower opening, but it was soon seen that a demand for the control of our stock was present. This led to a slow and finally to a rapid advance aided by a change of position by a trader who has been wrong on the crop all the season. Beneath the change in the market to-day was the development of a sudden demand for print cloths in Fall River, attributed to the prominent manufacturer who so frequently absorbed all the offerings of cloths. The advance while bringing some outside buying did not change the opinion of the larger operators who still remain bearish and regard the improvement of to-day as only a natural reaction in the course of a declining market.

New Orleans Cotton.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 26.—Cotton spots opened easy and closed firm with prices unchanged. Middling 11⅜; sales were 2,800 bales on the spot and 1,000 to arrive.

Futures opened steady 3 to 9 points below the close yesterday, as a result of a disappointing Liverpool, foreign cables stating that there was general selling of forward contracts, as well as reporting failures in Alexandria, Egypt. Large buying orders in the local market soon imparted strength to futures, and this steadiness was augmented by the firmness of the spot market. Activity on the part of the bullish room traders made up largely for the absence of speculative support and a general advance in prices characterized the market during the late session. At the close, which was steady, the active months were 7 to 16 points above the close yesterday.

Closing bids: Feb. 10.74 nominal; March 10.73; April 10.71; May 10.68; June 10.65 nominal; July 10.63; Oct. 10.04; Dec. 10.01.

Dry Goods Market.

New York, Feb. 26.—Prices on woolen flannelettes were named by one manufacturer to-day at a level 10 per cent under last season's price. This move made with cotton and labor costs about the same as last year caused genral surprise in the trade. Underwear and hosiery show little change in the primary market but a slightly better inquiry is noted among jobbers. Raw silk is easier; silk piece goods are selling quite well with jobbers but mills are getting few new orders.

Money Market.

New York, Feb. 26.—Money on call easy, 1¾ to 2 per cent.; ruling rate 1¾; closing bid 1¾; offered at 2.

Time loans steady, 60 days 3¾ to 3¾ per cent., and 90 days 3¾ to 4 per cent.; six months 4¼ to 5 per cent.

Closed: Prime mercantile paper 4½ to 5½. Sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers' bills at 486.85 to 486.70 for demand and at 482.35 to 482.40 for 60-day bills. Commercial bills 483; bar silver 55⅝; Mexican dollars 44½.

Baltimore Produce.

Baltimore, Feb. 26.—Flour firmer; winter patent 465 to 480; spring patent $5.30 to $5.60. Wheat firmer; spot contract 98¼; spot No. 2 red Western 98⅝ to 98¾; Southern on grade 93½ to 98¼. Corn firmer; spot mixed 66⅝ to 66⅞; No. 2 white 68⅝ to 68⅞; Southern white corn 61⅛. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed 55 to 55½. Rye firm; No. 2 Western export 89. Butter firm, unchanged. Eggs steady, 19c. Cheese quiet, unchanged. Sugar, unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil.

New York, Feb. 26.—Cotton seed oil lower under freer offerings of crude and absence of bull support. Prime crude 28½ to 29; prime summer yellow 37½; off summer 36 to 37½; prime white 37 to 40; prime winter yellow 39 to 41.

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Daily Cotton Market.

New York, Feb. 26.—Galveston, tone quiet; middling 11⅝; net receipts 8,363; gross receipts 8,363; sales 300; stock 179,712; Gt. Britain 858; France 12,514; continent 2,118.

New Orleans, tone firm; middling 11⅝; net receipts 6,643; gross receipts 6,643; sales 2,800; stock 232,742; Gt. Britain 8,282; coastwise 1,163.

Mobile, tone steady; middling 11⅝; net receipt 423; gross receipts 423; sales 325; stock 22,508; coastwise 1,208.

Savannah, tone dull; middling 11 1-16; net receipts 2,046; gross receipts 2,046; sales 956; stock 83,515; continent 5,858; coastwise 6,216.

Charleston, tone quiet; middling 11; net receipts 135; gross receipts 135; stock 17,103.

Wilmington, tone quiet; middling 11⅛; net receipts 236; gross receipts 236; stock 15,122.

Norfolk, tone dull; middling 11⅝; net receipts 885; gross receipts 885; sales 253; stock 18,703; coastwise 1,121.

Baltimore, tone nominal; middling 11.58; gross receipts 232; stock 15,065.

New York, tone quiet; middling 11.45; net receipts 34; gross receipts 5,929; stock 107,454; Gt. Britain 1,603; France 636; continent 1,145.

Boston, tone quiet; middling 11.45; net receipts 786; gross receipts 2,966; Gt. Britain 255.

Philadelphia, tone quiet; middling 11.70; net receipts 50; gross receipts 50; stock 4,446.

San Francisco, net receipts 4,165; gross receipts 4,165; Japan 4,165.

Total to-day, at all ports, net 22,765; Gt. Britain 7,677; France 13,129; continent 9,121; Japan 4,165; stock 697,084.

Consolidated, at all ports, net 89,246; Gt. Britain 28,530; France 15,824; continent 157,875; Japan 4,165.

Total since Sept. 1st, at all ports, net 6,835,376; Gt. Britain 2,441,941; France 673,183; continent 2,460,043; Japan 158,796; Mexico 1,299.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston, tone steady; middling 11 3-16; net receipts 4,776; gross receipts 4,776; shipments 3,162; stock 65,943.

Augusta, tone quiet; middling 11½; net receipts 640; gross receipts 724; shipments 996; sales 582; stock 58,428.

Memphis, tone quiet; middling 11⅝; net receipts 1,577; gross receipts 2,132; shipments 2,072; sales 2,150; stock 109,575.

St. Louis, tone quiet; middling 11⅝; net receipts 459; gross receipts 2,860; shipments 2,581; stock 23,673.

Cincinnati, net receipts 661; gross receipts 661; shipments 297; stock 13,350.

Louisville, tone firm; middling 11⅞.

Little Rock, tone quiet; middling 11; net receipts 226; gross receipts 226; shipments 892; stock 21,592.

Total to-day, net recipts 8,339; gross receipts 11,509; shipments 9,860; sales 2,732; stock 291,561.

New York Produce.

New York, Feb. 26.—Flour unsettled with a moderate demand. Rye flour steady. Buckwheat flour dull. Corn meal firm. Rye flour dull.

Wheat easy; No. 2 red 100 elevator. Options ⅛c. lower to ¼c. higher. May 103; July 97⅞.

Corn firm; No. 2, 68 elevator. Options ⅛c. net higher. May 70; July 68.

Oats steady; mixed 57½. Beef steady. Cut meats quiet. Lard steady; refined quiet. Pork steady. Tallow quiet. Rosin quiet. Turpentine firm, 53½. Rice steady. Molasses quiet.

Sugar, raw firm; fair refining $3.33 to $3.38; centrifugal $3.83 to $3.86; molasses sugar $3.38; refined teady.

Coffee, spot quiet; Rio N. 7, 6¼; Santos No. 4, 8¾ to 8½; mild coffee quiet; Cordova 10¼ to 13¼. Futures net 5 points higher to 1 points lower.

Butter weak; creamery specials 30½; extra 30; third to first 25; held, common to fair 20 to 25; special 23 to 25½.

Cheese firm, unchanged. Eggs steady, unchanged.

Freights to Liverpool easier, cotton by steam 12c. Peanuts steady, unchanged. Potatoes weak; Southern, second crop per barrel $2.25 to $2.75; Maine per sack $2.50 to $2.65; Long Island per barrel $2.50 to $3; Jersey per barrel $2.25 to $2.50; State and Western per sack $2.40 to $2.50. Cabbages quiet, unchanged.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—The local wheat market closed weak to-day because of realising sales, the May delivery being off ¼ cent. Corn was ¼c. higher. Oats were up ½c. Provisions were 5 to 15c. lower.

	High	Low	Close
WHEAT.			
May	96⅝	95½	95⅝
July	91	90¼	90⅝
September	88⅛	87¼	87⅝
CORN			
May	61⅝	60⅞	61⅛
July	59½	58⅞	59
September	58⅞	58¼	58⅝
OATS.			
May	53⅝	53⅞	53⅛
July	44⅞	44½	44⅝
September	37⅝	37⅛	37⅛
PORK.			
May	11.55	11.40	11.42
July	11.95	11.80	11.80
LARD			
May	7.52	7.47	7.47
July	7.72	7.67	7.70
RIBS.			
May	6.52	7.45	6.41
July	6.80	7.75	6.77

Liverpool Cotton.

Liverpool, Feb. 26.—Closing cotton: Spot in fair demand; prices 8 points lower; American middling fair 6.58; good middling 6.22; middling 5.96; low middling 5.62; good ordinary 5.18; ordinary 4.68.

The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 7,400 American. Receipts 27,000 bales, including 25,500 American.

Futures opened easy and closed steady American middling g. o. c.:

February	5.71½
February-March	5.54½
March-April	5.56
April-May	5.57
May-June	5.57½
June-July	5.[illegible]
July-August	5.55½
August-September	5.49½
September-October	5.42
October-November	5.35
November-December	5.32½

Chicago Cattle Market.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Cattle, receipts 22,000; market steady; steers $4.25 to $6.15; cows $3 to $4.75; heifers $2.50 to $5.25; bulls $3.25 to $4.50; calves $5.75 to $7; stockers and feeders $2.75 to $4.90.

Hogs, receipts 38,000; market 10c. lower. Choice heavy shipping $4.45 to $4.50; butchers $4.45 to $4.50; light mixed $4.35 to $4.40; choice light $4.40 to $4.45; pigs $3.50 to $4.35; bulk of sales $4.35 to $4.40.

Sheep, receipts estimated at about 18,000; market, sheep strong; lambs weak; sheep $4.25 to $5.60; lambs $6 to $6.85; yearlings $5.75 to $6.25.

New York Cattle.

New York, Feb. 26.—Beeves, receipts 1,412; steers $3.75 to $6; oxen $2.50 to $4.75; bulls $3.20 to $4.10.

Calves, receipts 1,230; veals $5 to $9.25; culls $4 to $4.50; barnyard calves $3 to $3.50; no Westerns.

Sheep and lambs, receipts 7,215. Sheep $4 to $5.25; culls $3; lambs $5.75 to $7.50.

Hogs, receipts 6,904. No sales reported. Feeling firm.

Interior Receipts.

	To-Day.	Last Year.
Augusta	640	———
Houston	4,776	———

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Feb. 26.—Cotton, spot closed quiet, 10 points higher; middling uplands 11.45; middling gulf 11.70; no sales.

Futures opened steady and closed barely steady.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Feb.	——	——	——	10.40
March	10.22	10.48	10.21	10.4[illegible]
April	——	10.38	10.38	10.52
May	10.41	10.66	10.41	10.60
June	10.31	10.51	10.31	10.50
July	10.37	10.52	10.36	10.47
Aug.	10.06	10.28	10.06	10.22
Oct.	9.90	10.08	9.90	10.06
Dec.	9.93-94	10.06	9.94	10.06

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Naval Stores.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 26.—Spirits turpentine firm, 50½; sales 162; receipts 212; shipments 5.

Rosin firm; sales 1,302; receipts 960; shipments 2,000; stock 78,092. Quote: A B C D $3.75; E F G and H $3.50; I $3.60; K $4.95; M $5.25; N $5.65; W G $6.25; W W $6.35.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 26.—Turpentine and rosin, nothing doing; quotations omitted.

Wilmington, Feb. 26.—Spirits turpentine steady, 49; receipts 13 casks.

Rosin steady, $3.10; receipts 104.

Tar firm, $1.30; receipts 13 barrels.

Crude turpentine firm, $2.25, $2.35 and $4.50; receipts 10.

New Orleans, Feb. 26.—Receipts: 110 barrels rosin; 15 barrels turpentine. Exports for Rotterdam 500 barrels rosin; for Havana 150 barrels rosin.

CHARLOTTE COTTON.

These figures represent the prices paid to wagons on Feb. 26th.

Good middling	11½
Strict middling	11¼
Middling	11

(Corrected by R. H. Field & Co.)

Butter	12½@15
Chickens—Spring	20 @25
Ducks	15
Eggs	20 @22
Geese—per head	40 @50
Hens—per head	35 @40
Turkeys—per lb.	12 @16

(Corrected daily by Cochrane-McLaughlin Co.)

Rye	85
Corn	65
Cotton Seed	27
Oats	70

Estimates.

	To-day	Last Year
New Orleans	4-7,000	10,642
Houston	2,200	4,792
Galveston	4,500-5,000	14,053

Comparative Port Receipts.

	To-Day	Last Year
Galveston	8,365	14,960
New Orleans	6,642	12,855
Mobile	39	735
Savannah	2,044	3,021
Charleston	135	95
Wilmington	235	149
Norfolk	885	2,126
Boston	2,966	3,356
Philadelphia	50	109
New York	——	45
Total estimates	——	3,477

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Adams Express	166@177
Amalgamated Copper	49⅝
American Car & Foundry	26⅛
American Car & Foundry pfd.	84½
American Cotton Oil	25
American Cotton Oil pfd.	80@85
American Express	165@180
American Hide & Leather pfd.	13
American Ice	13¼
American Linseed Oil	6
American Linseed Oil pfd.	17
American Locomotive	31⅝
American Locomotive preferred	89
American Smelting & Refining	58⅝
American Smelting & Refining pfd.	89
American Sugar Refining	112⅝
American Tobacco pfd. certif.	79@80
Anaconda Mining Co.	32
Atchison	27⅞
Atchison preferred	84⅛
Atlantic Coast Line	62½
Baltimore & Ohio	79⅝
Baltimore & Ohio preferred	89⅝
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	29⅝
Canadian Pacific	142⅝
Central of New Jersey	160@175
Chesapeake & Ohio	36⅛
Chicago Great Western	29⅝
Chicago & Northwestern	141
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	168⅛
Chicago Terminal & Transit	4@7
Chicago Terminal & Transit pfd.	10@17
C., C., C. & St. Louis	69⅛
Colorado Fuel & Iron	16⅛
Colorado & Southern	21⅛
Colorado & Southern 1st preferred	51
Colorado & Southern 2d preferred	40
Consolidated Gas	Par
Corn Products Refining	11
Corn Products Refining preferred	57⅛
Delaware & Hudson	145
Delaware, Lackawanna & West.	475@500
Denver & Rio Grande	15½
Denver & Rio Grande pfd.	42⅝@45
Distillers' Securities	28⅛
Erie	12⅝
Erie 1st preferred	32⅝
Erie 2d preferred	19
General Electric	155
Illinois Central	122
International Paper	8⅝
International Paper preferred	87⅝
International Pump	18⅝
International Pump preferred	45@55
Iowa Central	16
Iowa Central preferred	37@40
Kansas City Southern	18
Kansas City Southern pfd.	46⅝@47
Louisville & Nashville	89@94½
Mexican Central	18⅛
Minneapolis & St. Louis	20
Minn., St. P. & Sault Ste. M.	98⅝
Minn., St. P. & Sault Ste. M. pfd. offered	130
Missouri Pacific	36⅛
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	17⅝
Missouri, Kansas & Texas pfd.	40½
National Lead	41
National R. R. of Mexico pfd.	47½
New York Central	94½
New York, Ontario & Western	30
Norfolk & Western	60
North American	42½
Pacific Mail	27
Pennsylvania	112
People's Gas	85
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	60@65½
Pressed Steel Car	19
Pressed Steel Car preferred	70@73
Pullman Palace Car	149@151
Reading	39⅝
Reading 1st preferred	80@83
Reading 2d preferred	77
Republican Steel	15⅛
Republic Steel preferred	65⅝
Rock Island Co.	11⅛
Rock Island preferred	21⅝
St. Louis & San Francisco 2d pfd.	29½
St. Louis Southwestern	10⅝
St. Louis Southwestern pfd.	25⅛
Southern Pacific	68
Southern Pacific preferred	108½
Southern Railway	9⅝
Southern Railway preferred	29⅛
Texas & Pacific	15⅝
Toledo, St. Louis & West.	14⅛
Toledo, St. Louis & West pfd.	34⅛
Union Pacific ex. div.	133⅝
Union Pacific pfd. ex. div.	78½@81
United States Express	65@80
United States Realty	35@39
United States Rubber	14⅛
United States Rubber preferred	78⅛
United States Steel	38⅛
United States Steel preferred	91½
Virginia Carolina Chemical	15½
Virginia Carolina Chemical pfd.	88@98
Wabash	7⅛
Wabash preferred	14⅝
Wells Fargo Express	200@300
Westinghouse Electric	38⅝
Western Union	46½
Wheeling & Lake Erie	5
Wisconsin Central	13⅝@16⅛
Wisconsin Central preferred	30@37
Northern Pacific	120⅝
Central Leather	16
Central Leather preferred	79⅛
Sloss Sheffield	39½
Great Northern preferred	118½
Interborough Metropolitan	7
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U. S. 3s coupon	101
U. S. New 4s registered	121½
U. S. New 4s coupon	121½
American Tobacco 4s	62
American Tobacco 6s	100½
Atchison general 4s	98⅛
Atchison adjustment 4s	87
Atlantic Coast Line 4s ofd.	84
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99
Baltimore & Ohio 3½s bid	90
Brooklyn R. T. cv. 4s	68½
Central of Georgia 5s bid	129⅝
Central of Georgia 1st Inc. ofd.	65
Central of Georgia 2d Inc. ofd.	46
Central of Georgia 3d Inc. ofd.	28
Chesapeake & Ohio 4½s	99⅝
Chicago & Alton 3½s bid	69
Chicago, B. & Quincy new 4s	93⅛
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. 4s	57
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s b.	61⅝
C., C., C. & St. Louis general 4s	91⅛
Colorado Industrial 5s Series A	46½
Colorado Midland 4s ofd.	59½
Colorado & Southern 4s	86
Cuba 5s	103½
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	92
Distillers' Securities 5s	98
Erie prior lien 4s ofd.	82
Erie General 4s	57
Hocking Valley 4½s bid	99½
Japan 4½s certificates	85⅝
Japan 4s certificates 2d Series	8[illegible]
Louisville & Nash. Unified 4s	96⅝
Manhattan consol gold 4s	94½
Mexican Central 4s	82⅝
Mexican Central 1st Inc.	19
Minn. & St. Louis 4s bid	[illegible]
Missouri, Kansas & Texas 4s	94⅛
Missouri, Kansas & Texas 2ds bid	[illegible]
Nat'l R. R. of Mexico col. 4s ofd.	81
New York Central genral 3½s	85⅝
New Jersey Central general 5s	121⅝
Northern Pacific 4s	100⅝
Northern Pacific 3s bid	70
Norfolk & Western consol 4s bid	95
Oregon Short Line rfdg 4s	87
Pennsylvania cv. 3½s	93⅝
Reading General 4s	94⅛
St. L. & Iron Mountain col. 5s bid	104⅝
St. Louis & San Francisco fg. 6s	128⅝
St. Louis Southwestern consol 4s b.	61
Seaboard Air Line 4s	45
Southern Pacific 4s bid	85
Southern Pacific 1st 4s certificates	89⅝
Southern Railway 5s	95½
Texas Pacific 1sts	108⅝
Toledo, St. L. & Western 4s	70
Union Pacific 4s	100⅝
Union Pacific cv. 4s certificates	94⅝
United States Steel 2d 5s	87⅛
Wabash 1sts	102
Wabash Deb B. bid	38⅝
Western Md. 4s	85
Wheeling & Lake Erie 4s ofd.	71
Wisconsin Central 4s	85⅝
Japan 4s certificates	77⅝
Atchison cv. 4s	88⅝
Atchison cv. 5s	96½
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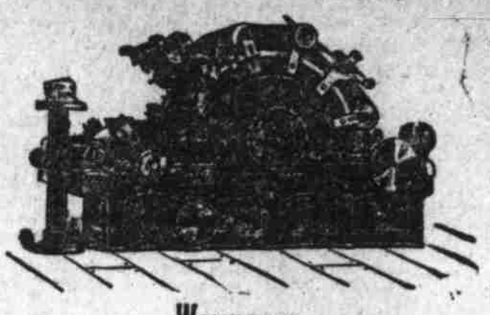

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About 4 o'clock this morning a negro made an attempt to enter the residence of Charlie Lee. He had succeeded in removing a screen from the window of the room, occupied by two of Mr. Lee's daughters, aged 10 and 15 years. They saw the negro trying to get in the window. They screamed that there was a negro in their room. The brute then ran. Mr. Lee quickly responded to the screams of his daughters, but the negro was quick in making his escape. Mr. Lee then, with his son and a neighbor, and lantern, tracked the negro to Canton, twelve miles distant. The party had 'phoned to the officers of Canton, giving a description of the negro, so when he arrived at Canton the officers took him in tow.

George Meredith's Success.

Indianapolis Star.

Is there anything that a man more needs in this new-found world of Lord Bacon and Herbert Spencer and Ernest Haeckel than the assurance that nature, as Meredith puts it, "leads us to God's footstool?" Are we groping more eagerly and sometimes desparingly for anything than for the hope and trust that if evolution is true, faith and God and heaven are also true? This is what Meredith believes and depicts and sings. He does not shrink from Darwinism; he rather clasps it to his heart as the divinely ordained demonstration of the spiritual tradition and spiritual life. There is more hope for humanity in this brave and clear-eyed reading of earth than in all the theology of timid souls that fear the light of science will discover their flimsy faith as a thing of shams, about to be dissolved with Prospero's palaces and towers into thin air. Strange conception of Deity, that what it has written in nature —— in the heart of man must be suppressed or expurgated in order to keep the universe from being disowned and outcast in our feeble, faltering minds!

Mr. Root and Mr. Bryce.

New York Sun.

Our British cousins entertain exaggerated notions as to the character of American diplomacy, for when the London press is not condemning it as of the aboriginal sort, it bewails its Machivallian qualities. The "unscrupulous Root," says the London Standard, "played with Bryce as a cat plays with a mouse." If Ambassador Bryce has not been cleaned to a finish, it should be suggested to him to diver Secretary Root with gifts of colored glass beads and calica. Firewater, once potent in such dealings, is no longer acceptable at the State Department.

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