Financial and Commercial

COTTON MARKET.

New York, Jan. 25.—The cotton market was weak and unsettled to-day, closing steady at a net decline of 5 to 14 points Sales were estimated at 225,000 bales.

The market opened steady at an advance of 3 points to a decline of 3 points, January and August being a little higher on somewhat better cables than expected, while other positions were lower under realizing of long accounts, and the whole list became weak right after the call. Selling was promoted by the heavier estimates for to-morrow's receipts at leading points, stop loss orders were caught a few points below the opening figures and before the decline was checked prices showed a net loss of about 12 to 16 points on the active months.

Some of the big spot houses were buyers of spring and summer deliveries on the decline and it looked as though houses which had sold heavily for long account toward the end of last week were replacing their lines at the lower level, but after a falling off of 5 or 6 points the market weakened again with the old crop reaching the lowest point in the late trading under continued realizing or liquidation, Southern selling, local bear pressure and rumors of a falling off in spot demand at interior points, and foreign satisfaction of January engagements. At the lowest prices were 13 to 15 points below the closing figures of Saturday and about 21 to 25 points below the high records of last week. The close was slightly up from the lowest on covering.

Southern spot markets officially reported early were unchanged to 1-16c. higher.

Receipts at the ports to-day 36,989 bales against 45,537, last week and 36,203 last year. For the week 240,000 against 244,188 last week and 280,071 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans 5,318 against 9,909 last year, and at Houston 9,503 against 8,161 last year.

STOCK MARKET.

New York, Jan. 25.—Developments over the week-end had no effect in moving speculative interest in the stock market, although some of them undoubtedly were of importance in their financial bearings. Foremost among these was the fact that the Bank of England was permitted to take up the South African gold laid down in the London market at a concession in price and without any competition on behalf of Paris. This is the first week for this to happen since a period well back into last year and marks the culmination of the long accumulations of gold by the Bank of France which has been going on during that period. The yielding tendency in their markets was exemplified in the reduction price of Southern pig iron announced for to-day. The market conditions are composed of movements confined largely to individual stocks regarding which there are special developments. There was a group of stocks related to the fertilizer industry thus affected to-day by rumors of an intended merger of these companies, although sharp relapses followed in some of them. The general list while neglected and listless, was firm. The redundant state of the money market places no pressure on holders of securities. The fitful price movements of the day in the stock market showed no decision and the tone at the closing remained uncertain and sluggish.

There were reactions in some bonds which have advanced sharply of late and this made the tone of the bond division irregular. Total sales, par value, $5,430,000. U. S. bonds were unchanged on call.

Total sales of stocks to-day 414,600 shares, including: Sugar 600; Tobacco 800; Coast Line 100; C. & O. 28,200; N. & W. 2,600; Sloss 200; Southern Rwy. 3,800; pfd. 2,000; Tenn. Copper 4,400; Va.-Caro. Chemical 10,400.

Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

Special to The Observer.

New York, Jan. 25.—Realizing, by the Western and Wall Street holders taking profits, continued to-day until the weight of these sales broke the market some 14 points, when it ceased for the moment. It is noticeable that when these parties take profits they do not buy again in the same positions which they sell, but they pass over to the new crops. Their theory appears to be that as all the cotton in the world cost money to carry; that when they replace their sales from time to time they will buy a cheaper position. In the meantime the cotton trade have bought the old crop which the outsiders have sold, expecting spinners to buy from them. The market closed steady at a slight reaction from the lowest point, which is expected to cause a rally in Liverpool to-morrow from one to two points. What surprised the trade was the increase in the movement.

Chicago Cattle.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Cattle, receipts 17,000; market 15c. higher; steers $4.60 to $7.15; cows $3 to $5.50; heifers $1 to $5.75; bulls $3.40 to $5.50; calves $3.50 to $9.50; stockers and feeders $2.50 to $5.15.

Hogs, receipts 38,000, market 10 to 15c. higher; choice heavy shipping $6.45 to $6.60; butchers $6.40 to $6.55; light mixed $5.90 to $6.10; choice light $6.05 to $6.20; pigs $4.75 to $5.50; bulk of sales $6 to $6.40.

Sheep, receipts 14,000 steady to 10c. higher; sheep $4.25 to $6.50; lambs $5.25 to $7.75; yearlings $5 to $7.

New York Cattle.

New York, Jan. 25.—Beeves, receipts 5,135; steers $5.30 to $6.30; oxen $3.75 to $4.20; bulls $3 to $4.20; cows $2 to $4.35.

Calves, receipts 2,236. Veals $6 to $10; culls $5; barnyard calves $2.50 to $4; Western calves $8.50 to $9.75.

Sheep and lambs, receipts 15,503. Sheep $3 to $4.75; culls $2.50; lambs $6 to $7.50; one car $7.75; culls $5; yearlings $8.

Hogs, receipts 10,231; market firm, $6.40 to $6.60.

Naval Stores.

New Orleans, Jan. 25.—Receipts 57 barrels rosin; 62 barrels turpentine.

Exports, none.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 25.—Turpentine quiet, 41½.

Rosin quiet. Quote: A B C $3.65; D $3.10; E $3.10 to $3.20; F $3.17½ to $3.30; G $3.12½ to $3.20; H $3.20 to $3.35; I $4.10; K $5.05; M $5.70; N $6.35; W G $6.35; W W $6.40.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 25.—Turpentine firm 41½; sales 269; receipts 102; shipments 175.

Rosin firm; sales 2,313 receipts 3,582; shipments 1,597; stock 186,002. Quote: B $3.15; D $3.20; E $3.22½; F $3.27½ to $3.30; G $3.35; H $3.45; I $4.20; K $5.15; M $5.80; N $6.25; W G $6.45; W W $6.50.

Wilmington, Jan. 25.—Spirits turpentine steady, 41; receipts 88.

Rosin steady, $3.85; receipts 107.

Tar firm, $1.60; receipts 75.

Crude turpentine firm, $2, $3 and $3; receipts 9.

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Daily Cotton Market.

New York, Jan. 25.—Galveston, tone quiet; middling 9⅝; net receipts 15,544; gross receipts 15,544; sales 180; stock 135,716; France 10,396; continent 10,133; coastwise 1,995.

New Orleans, tone quiet; middling 9⅝; net receipts 5,318; gross receipts 5,318; sales 1,050; stock 305,473.

Mobile, tone quiet; middling 9½; net receipts 1,330; gross receipts 1,330; sales 45; stock 65,894; coastwise 330.

Savannah, tone quiet; middling 9 9-16; net receipts 7,864; gross receipts 7,864; sales 1,777; stock 148,650; continent 1,447; coastwise 2,125.

Charleston, tone firm; middling 9½; net receipts 1,398; gross receipts 1,398; stock 22,670; continent 6,959.

Wilmington, tone quiet; middling 9½; net receipts 2,182; gross receipts 2,182; stock 13,265.

Norfolk, tone quiet; middling 9½; net receipts 3,235; gross receipts 3,235; sales 421; stock 40,849; coastwise 751.

Baltimore, tone nominal; middling 9½; gross receipts 538; stock 19,840.

New York, tone quiet; middling 9.90; gross receipts 3,407; sales 2,005; stock 170,054; Gt. Britain 3,348.

Boston, tone quiet; middling 9.90; gross receipts 4,287.

Philadelphia, tone quiet; middling 10.15; net receipts 50; gross receipts 1,150; stock 7,093.

Brunswick, stock 232; Gt. Britain 6,413.

Jacksonville, net receipts 68; gross receipts 68; coastwise 68.

Total to-day, at all ports, net 36,989; Gt. Britain 9,666; France 10,396; continent 18,529; stock 929,834.

Consolidated, at all ports, net 70,610; Gt. Britain 13,946; France 10,396; continent 20,228.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net 7,183,503; Gt. Britain 2,384,989; France 732,567; continent 2,249,727; Japan 101,619; Mexico 5,303.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston, tone quiet; middling 9 13-16; net receipts 9,503; gross receipts 9,503; shipments 8,706; sales 358; stock 143,332.

Augusta, tone dull; middling 9⅝; net receipts 748; gross receipts 1,607; shipments 463; sales 736; stock 97,947.

Memphis, tone steady; middling 9½; net receipts 1,924; gross receipts 3,632; shipments 4,823; sales 3,650; stock 175,192.

St. Louis, tone steady; middling 9⅝; net receipts 235; gross receipts 652; shipments 1,088; stock 41,291.

Cincinnati, net receipts 249; gross receipts 249; shipments 229; stock 18,218.

Louisville, tone firm; middling 9⅝.

Little Rock, tone steady; middling 9½; net receipts 1,871; gross receipts 1,871; shipments 1,296; stock 49,100.

Total to-day, net receipts 14,530; gross receipts 16,914; shipments 16,554; sales 4,744; stock 535,591.

New York Produce.

New York, Jan. 25.—Flour and rye flour steady. Buckwheat flour dull. Buckwheat steady. Corn meal firm. Rye dull, but firm. Barley steady. Wheat easy; No. 2 red 108⅛ to 109¼ elevator. Options ¼ to ⅝ net higher. May 110⅝; July 104⅝.

Corn steady; No. 2, 70 elevator. Options ¼c. net higher. May 69⅛; July and September 69¼.

Oats quiet; mixed 54 to 54½. Beef, cut meats, lard, pork, tallow and rosin steady. Rice firm. Turpentine steady, 45. Molasses firm. Sugar, raw steady, fair refining $3.23.

Coffee steady; Rio No. 7, 7⅝ to 7½; Santos No. 4, 8⅝; mild steady; Cordova 9¼ to 12½. Futures closed steady net 5 points higher to 5 points lower.

Butter unsettled, lower; creamery specials 30 to 30½; extras 29 to 29½; third to firsts 24 to 28½; process common to special 18 to 24½.

Cheese firm; State full cream specials 14¾ to 14¾; do. fancy 14¼; do. good to fine 14; winter made best 13¼; do. good to prime 12 to 13; do. common to fair 10¾ to 11¾; skims full to specials 2½ to 11¾.

Eggs steady; State, Pennsylvania and nearby selected white 35; do. fair to choice 32 to 35; do. brown and mixed fancy 32 to 33; do. fair to choice 30 to 31.

Potatoes irregular; Bermuda per barrel $4 to $5; Maine in bulk per 180 pounds $2.50 to $2.62; State and Western per 180 pounds $2.25 to $2.50; Long Island per barrel $2.50 to $2.87; Jersey $1.90 to $2.12; European $1.75 to $2.20; Jersey sweets per barrel $2 to $2.50.

Cabbages steady; State white per ton $33 to $37; red $35 to $40; Southern new per crate $2 to $2.12. Freights to Liverpool steady; cotton by steam 12c. to 15c.; grain do. 1¾d.

Peanuts firm; fancy handpicked 4¾ to 5; other domestic 2 to 4½.

New Orleans Cotton.

New Orleans, Jan. 25.—Spot cotton quiet, unchanged; middling 9⅝; sales on the spot 500 bales; to arrive 550.

Futures opened steady at an advance of 1 to 2 points on good Liverpool cables and soon after the first call to a net advance of 3 to 6 points. Operations for a fall in price conducted in all of the big markets of the world had their effect, longs were induced to sell out and professionals sold short with the result that the active months fell off to a level 12 points lower than Saturday's closing. The close was steady and prices showed a net decline of 11 to 12 points.

Closing bid: Jan. 9.61; Feb. 9.58; March 9.57; April 9.59; May 9.65; June 9.68; July 9.71.

The Money Market.

New York, Jan. 25.—Money on call easy, 1½ to 1¾; ruling rate 1¾; closing bid 1¼; offered 1½. Time loans very weak; 60 days 3¼ to 3½ per cent.; 90 days 3¾; six months 3 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 3½ to 4 per cent.; sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at 484.95 to 485.05 for 60-day bills and 487.35 for demand. Commercial bills 484¾ to 484¾; bar silver 53; Mexican dollars 44.

Baltimore Produce.

Baltimore, Jan. 25.—Wheat firm; spot contract 107¾ to 108; Southern on grade 104½ to 107½.

Corn dull; spot contract 68 to 68½; Southern yellow 63¾ to 65¾.

Oats dull; No. 2 mixed 54 to 54½. Rye steady; No. 2 Western export 83 to 83½.

Elgin, Ill., Jan. 25.—Butter firm, 29c.; sales for the week 924,000 pounds.

Dry Goods Market.

New York, Jan. 25.—The dry goods market opened strong and jobbers did quite an active trade during the day. The new prices on staple prints go into effect tomorrow. The feature of the business for the moment is the very free ordering of dress goods from the large corporations that are selling for fall delivery. Four of these concerns report that at the present rate of progress they will be sold up before the end of the week. Cotton yarns were steadier and buyers were frequent in the market.

Cotton Seed Oil.

New York, Jan. 25.—Cotton seed oil firm for spot and nearby, but a trifle easier for late positions under local selling. Prime crude 34½; do. summer yellow 6 to 6¼; off do. 6¼ to 6¾; good off do. 4¾ to 4¾; prime white 5¾ to 4¾; do. winter yellow 47¼ to 48.

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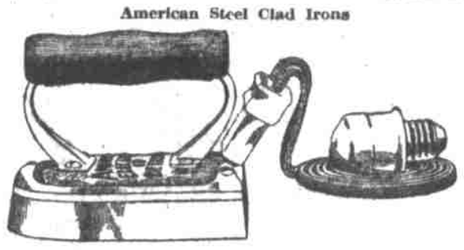

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Charlotte Cotton.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons January 25th:

Good middling	9½
Strict middling	9⅜
Middling	9¼

Charlotte Grain.

(Corrected daily by Cochrane-McLaughlin Co.)

Rye	$1.35
Corn	90
Cotton Seed	27
Oats	68
Meal Seed	24
Cotton Meal Seed, ton	26.00

Charlotte Produce.

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

Butter	32½@35
Chickens—Spring	20 @25
Ducks	20 @25
Eggs	28 @30
Geese—per head	40 @60
Hens—per head	35 @40
Turkeys—per pound	13 @14

Estimates.

	To-morrow
Houston	26,000-26,500
Galveston	29,000-32,000

Interior Receipts.

	To-day.
Memphis	1,924
Cincinnati	249
Houston	9,503

New York Cotton.

New York, Jan. 25.—Spot closed quiet, 10 points lower; middling uplands 9.90; middling gulf 10.15; sales 2,005 bales.

Futures opened and closed steady.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	9.70	9.70	9.53	9.54
Feb.	9.49	....	....	9.53
March	9.68	9.68	9.55	9.57
April	....	....	....	9.54
May	9.65	9.65	9.51	9.54
June	9.58	9.58	9.58	9.50
July	9.57	9.58	9.45	9.49
Aug.	9.46	9.48	9.37	9.38
Sept.	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.33
Oct.	9.37	9.38	9.28	9.30
Nov.	....	....	....	9.27
Dec.	9.33	9.37	9.22	9.27

Liverpool Cotton.

Liverpool, Jan. 25.—Closing cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices 1 point higher; American middling fair 5.30; good middling 5.54; middling 5.34; low middling 5.14; good ordinary 4.67; ordinary 4.27. Sales 8,000 bales, of which 200 were for speculation and export and included 7,300 American. Receipts 17,000, including 16,500 American.

Futures opened quiet and closed easy.

	Close.
January	5.13
January-February	5.12½
February-March	5.10½
March-April	5.10
April-May	5.09½
May-June	5.08½
June-July	5.08½
July-August	5.08
August-September	5.00
September-October	4.95½
October-November	4.91
November-December	4.89
December-January	4.88
January-February	4.87

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Increased receipts and favorable weather in this country for the fall sown crop inspired a bear raid on the wheat market to-day which resulted in closing declines of ¼ and ⅜ to ½ and ⅝c. Corn and oats closed firm, and provisions weak.

	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—			
May	107⅞	107	107
July	97⅞	97⅜	97¼
September	94⅝	94⅛	94¼
CORN—			
May	62⅛	61⅝	62
July	62⅝	61⅞	62¼
September	62¼	61⅞	62⅛
OATS—			
May	52	51⅝	51⅞
July	46½	46⅛	46½
September	39⅝	39⅛	39¼
PORK—			
January	17.45	17.32	17.35
May	17.35	17.10	17.12
LARD—			
January	9.70	9.60	9.60
May	9.82	9.70	9.72
RIBS—			
January	8.90	8.80	8.80
May	9.02	8.90	8.95

Comparative Port Receipts.

	To-day	Last Year
Galveston	15,544	.....
New Orleans	5,318	.....
Mobile	1,304	.....
Savannah	7,864	.....
Charleston	1,398	.....
Norfolk	3,235	.....
Total (est.)	33,000	36,603

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s, registered	102½
U. S. refunding 2s, coupon	102½
U. S. 3s, registered	100¾
U. S. 3s, coupon	100¾
U. S. 4s, registered	110½
U. S. 4s, coupon	110½
American Tobacco 4s bid	77⅞
American Tobacco 6s	106⅝
Atchison general 4s	100¼
Atchison adjustment 4s bid	92
Atchison cv. 4s	104
Atchison cv. 5s	107½
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	96¼
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	101
Baltimore & Ohio 3½s	94
Brooklyn R. T. cv. 4s	84⅝
Central of Georgia 5s bid	109⅝
Central of Georgia 2d Inc. bid	90¼
Central of Georgia 3d Inc. bid	52
Chesapeake & Ohio 4½s	106
Chicago & Alton 3½s	74
Chicago, B. & Quincy new 4s	97⅞
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. 4s	77⅛
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	92½
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. rfdg. 4s	91⅞
C., C., C. & St. Louis gen. 4s	98½
Colorado Industrial 5s	75½
Colorado Midland 4s	61⅝
Colorado & Southern 4s	98½
Delaware & Hudson cv. 4s	102
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	98
Erie prior lien 4s	86½
Erie General 4s	73
Hocking Valley 4½s	107
Interborough-Met. 4½s	81
Japan 4s	81½
Japan 4½s	91½
Japan 4½s, 2d Series	89⅝
Louisville & Nash. Unified 4s	101
Manhattan consol gold 4s bid	99
Mexican Central 4s	85½
Mexican Central 1st Inc. bid	25
Minn. & St. Louis 4s bid	84½
Missouri, Kansas & Texas 4s	90⅝
Missouri, Kansas & Texas 2ds	88⅝
National R. R. of Mexico consol 4s	80½
New York Central gen. 3½s	94
New Jersey Central general 5s bid	127½
Northern Pacific 4s	103⅞
Northern Pacific 3s	74½
Norfolk & Western consol 4s	98½
Oregon Short Line rfdg. 4s	94⅝
Penn. cv. 3½s, 1915	95⅝
Penn. Consol 4s	104½
Reading General 4s	100
Republic of Cuba 5s ofd.	102⅝
St. L. & Iron Mountain con. 5s bid	111½
St. Louis & San Fran. fg. 4s	85½
St. Louis Southwestern con. 4s	79
Seaboard Air Line 4s	68
Southern Pacific 4s	91¼
Southern Pacific 1st 4s	95½
Southern Railway 5s	110
Texas & Pacific 1sts bid	117½
Toledo, St. L. & Western 4s	86½
Union Pacific 4s	102⅝
Union Pacific cv. 4s	104⅝
U. S. Steel 2d 5s	101
Wabash 1sts	112⅝
Western Md. 4s	84½
Wheeling & Lake Erie 4s	84½
Wisconsin Central 4s	92
N. Y., N. H. and H. cv. 6s ctfs.	135
Lake Shore 4s (1931)	96
American Tel. and Tel. 4s cv.	92⅝

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	73⅝
American Car & Foundry	49¼
American Car & Foundry pfd.	109¼
American Cotton Oil	62⅝
American Hide & Leather pfd.	42
American Ice Securities	32
American Linseed	14½
American Locomotive	57
American Locomotive pfd.	113
American Smelting & Refng.	85⅝
American Smelting & Refng. pfd.	102¼
American Sugar Refining	132⅞
American Tobacco pfd.	92
American Woolen	28
Anaconda Mining Co.	47
Atchison	93¼
Atchison pfd.	101
Atlantic Coast Line	108
Baltimore & Ohio	101
Baltimore & Ohio pfd.	93
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	70
Canadian Pacific	174¼
Central Leather	31⅞
Central Leather pfd.	101⅞
Central of New Jersey	232
Chesapeake & Ohio	62⅝
Chicago Great Western	6⅝
Chicago & North Western	178
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	150¼
C., C., C. & St. Louis	72½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	41⅝
Colorado & Southern	62⅞
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd.	83⅝
Colorado & Southern 2d pfd.	80⅝
Consolidated Gas	126½
Corn Products	19⅝
Delaware & Hudson	177
Denver & Rio Grande	38
Denver & Rio Grande pfd.	79½
Distillers' Securities	38
Erie	30⅝
Erie 1st pfd.	46¼
Erie 2d pfd.	34½
General Electric	155½
Great Northern pfd.	143¾
Great Northern Ore ctfs.	72¼
Illinois Central	145⅝
Interborough-Met.	15⅞
Interborough-Met. pfd.	43⅞
International Paper	11⅝
International Paper pfd.	55½
International Pump	38⅝
Iowa Central	31⅝
Kansas City Southern	42¼
Kansas City Southern pfd.	73⅞
Louisville & Nashville	122⅝
Minneapolis & St. Louis	57
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	144¼
Missouri Pacific	70⅝
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	33⅝
Missouri, Kansas & Texas pfd.	74⅝
National Lead	80½
New York Central	130
New York, Ontario & Western	46½
Norfolk & Western	91
North American	77⅞
Northern Pacific	140⅝
Pacific Mail	33
Pennsylvania	132⅝
People's Gas	106⅛
Pittsburg, C., C. & St. Louis	88½
Pressed Steel Car	42⅝
Pullman Palace Car	171
Railway Steel Spring	47⅛
Reading	137
Republic Steel	25⅛
Republic Steel pfd.	95⅛
Rock Island Co.	24⅝
Rock Island Co. pfd.	62
St. Louis & San Fran. 2d pfd.	40⅝
St. Louis Southwestern	22⅝
St. Louis Southwestern pfd.	52⅝
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	78
Southern Pacific	120⅛
Southern Pacific pfd.	121½
Southern Railway	25⅝
Southern Railway pfd.	62½
Tennessee Copper	45½
Texas & Pacific	34⅝
Toledo, St. Louis & West	50
Toledo, St. Louis & West. pfd.	70
Union Pacific	179½
Union Pacific pfd.	96
United States Rubber	31⅝
United States Rubber 1st pfd.	101½
United States Steel	53⅝
United States Steel pfd.	114⅛
Utah Copper	44⅛
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	47⅝
Virginia-Carolina Chemical pfd.	114½
Wabash	18⅝
Wabash pfd.	49
Westinghouse Electric	82
Western Union	68½
Wheeling & Lake Erie	30½
Wisconsin Central	40¼
American Tel. and Tel.	125⅝
Standard Oil	650

'POSSUM VS. TEDDY BEAR.

Something of the Meteoric Rise of the Toothsome Marsupial—Rival of the Famous Teddy Bear.

Charles P. Russell in Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

A month or two ago the opossum was vaguely known by the majority as some sort of fuzzy animal created solely for the gustatory pleasure of the Southern darky. Now "possum" is a household word "from the rock-bound coast of Maine to the sun-scorched plains of Arizona," as the grandiloquent orator would say. "Possum" has figured daily in newspaper headlines. The "Billy 'Possum," it is said, will be placed on the market to supersede the "Teddy Bear," as a toy. New York restaurant proprietors have had so many calls for "possum" recently that they are arranging for a daily supply of the toothsome marsupial.

This meteoric rise of the 'possum into nation-wide popularity is all due to a large, genial person known as William Howard Taft. In a few days he has done more to make baked "possum" famous than the best-trained and most expert press agent could have accomplished in a year. It is barely possible that the controversy of long-standing as to which should properly be the national bird, the eagle or the turkey, will be settled by common agreement to make it the "poosum."

And now a Bostonian inquires: "Won't some one please tell us something about the opossum?" Certainly; glad to oblige. Consulting a natural history, we glean the following information: "The animals to which this name is applied are the only non-Australian members of the marsupials or pouched animals, being found throughout the greater part of the continent of America, from the United States to Patagonia, the number of species being largest in the more tropical parts. They form the family Didelphyidae, distinguished from the other marsupial families by their equally developed hind-toes, their nailless but fully-opposed hallux, and by their dentition, its formula being 15-4 ci-1 pm3-3 m4-4, total 50, a number only exceeded among heterodont mammalia by the Austrian Myrmecobius Fasciatus." We trust this information will suffice.

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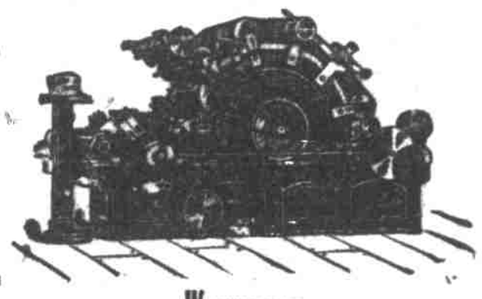

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SALE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE SOUTHERN COTTON MILLS

At Bessemer City, N. C., Wednesday, January 27th, 1909.

By virtue of a decree of the United States Circuit Court for the western district of North Carolina, entered at Greensboro, N. C., on the 21st day of December, 1908, in a certain suit in equity entitled Cone Export and Commission Company, et als, vs. Southern Cotton Mills, defendant, I will, on Wednesday, the 27th day of January, 1909, at the hour of noon, in front of the main mill building in Bessemer City, N. C., offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash all the property, assets and effects, choses in action, etc., of the Southern Cotton Mills, consisting of its real estate, manufacturing establishment, including all machinery, etc.; its bills and accounts receivable, its investments in other corporations, its franchises, and all of its other property of every kind and character except manufactured goods and cotton in bales.

The property consists of a substantially built brick spinning mill, two stories, containing 15,216 spindles, and immediately adjoining is a substantially built one-story brick building, containg 461 40-inch looms, with all necessary intermediate and subsidiary machinery. This mill is equipped so that it can make yarn for market on section beams or in the chain, as it contains a full set of both Denn and Beam warpers. It is equipped for both sheetings and colored goods, and it has a well-equipped dye house, also beaming room and slashers.

In addition to the mill there are 55 tenant houses and approximately 27 acres of land unimproved.

In addition to the foregoing there will be sold, in conjunction therewith, bills, notes and accounts receivable aggregating something more than $57,000.

The foregoing property and a list of the bills, notes and accounts receivable will be shown to interested parties by calling upon R. F. Coble, agent, at Bessemer City, N. C.

The mills will be operated to and including the day of confirmation of sale, and the stock in process of manufacture, together with all supplies and repairs on hand, will be included and sold with the mills. The terms of the sale will be cash upon confirmation by the court, but a deposit of five per cent. (5 per cent.) cash, or security satisfactory to me, will be required of the successful bidder or bidders. Purchasers may use debts against the Southern Cotton Mills to the extent of their dividend value in paying for this property.

This property is in first-class condition, and is splendidly located in one of the best cotton growing sections of the South. Help is efficient and plentiful. The title to the property is perfect, and the purchaser will have quiet possession without annoyance or litigation from any source.

NOTICE.

By order of court all persons concerned as creditors, stockholders or otherwise in the sale of the above property, are hereby notified that the sale to be made, as aforesaid, on January 27th, 1909, will be reported to the United States Court, at Greensboro, N. C., on Wednesday, February 10th, 1909, for confirmation, at which time and place any person interested in said property, as aforesaid, will have an opportunity to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the confirmation of the same; and they are expected to attend if they so desire, without further notice.

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