



Notwithstanding the lull which pervades social circles during the Lenten period, a number of charming entertainments have taken place during the week.

announced for Tuesday evening at the Battery Park. The Entre Nous club is arranging for a trip to Hot Springs where a german will be given to the club by Mr. Thomas D. Green, manager of the Mountain Park hotel.

PERSONAL

The golf season is progressing in Asheville. With such charming weather as our visitors are now enjoying, almost daily practices are held at the links of the Swannanoa Club and a series of tournaments are announced by that club next week in which three games will be played, Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

H. E. Finney of Chicago, and W. F. Smith, Jr., of Kansas City, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Battery Park. Henry Brown will leave tomorrow for a business trip to Salisbury.

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Janie Love, of Waynesville, will arrive Monday, to make Asheville her home. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad will board at Mrs. Bald's on College street.

Albert Summey was here from Charlotte yesterday.

The Misses Westfield are visiting in the city.

Hardy Lee has returned from a several week's trip to Chicago and points in Tennessee.

J. C. Dame, traveling passenger agent for the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, is here from Richmond.

Miss May and Miss Rose Blacklock, of Washington State, who have been visiting the Misses Weaver, on Chestnut street, leave to-morrow for Chicago.

Charlie Nichols, David Morgan, Jesse Morgan and Home Rogers leave to-day on their wheels for Brevard.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

HOTEL BERKELEY.—H. L. Day, Minneapolis; D. C. Vaughan, Louisville; W. W. Helm, Newport, Ky.; J. C. Dame, Richmond; Oliver Lund and wife, Philadelphia; C. M. Kline, Baltimore; J. P. Osber, Murphy; J. H. Brown, Virginia; F. D. Britain, Country; B. A. Rives, Winston; H. De Silva, Philadelphia; W. A. Pearce, Wilmington.

SWANNANOVA HOTEL.—Geo. B. Clark, Greensboro; P. L. Luce, Baltimore; Harry C. Parker, Providence, R. I.; R. E. Steere, North Carolina; Theo. L. Leip, Allentown, Pa.; W. M. Moore, Kentucky; Mrs. Thos. F. Houghton, Boston; Miss Pitt, London; H. C. Ames, Cleveland; W. C. Niebaum, New York; Miss L. Hauck, Jersey City.

STATE POLITICS

Cleveland Star: Fusion is naturally repulsive to democrats and a bargain with the Butler is not the sort of a fellow to effect a high and honorable co-operation.

A correspondent who signs "Tinker" has the following in the McDowell Democrat: In last week's issue of the Democrat Tom Jefferson, with a very level head, booms Cooke Craig for congress. I think Tom is on the nail on the head exactly, so let us all come together and give Craig a heavy push.

North Wilkesboro Herald: The national fairmen of the democratic, populist and silver republican parties may issue as many fusion manifestoes as they please, but here are dead loads of good democrats who will not be driven into this fusion business. They are heartily sick of the lit easte they had in 1896, when the crowd they fused with helped to put North Carolina in the unenviable shape she enjoys at present.

Newton Enterprise: Fusion with an old foe does not only mean defeat, but it means surrender of principles. A straight fight may mean defeat, but we go down in defeat in a fight single-handed, and alone we have the comforting assurance that we will rise again with clean hands and unsold garments. We don't want any mixing in ours and we don't intend that a handful of political directors shall tell us what we shall or shall not do in the approaching contest.

Wilmington Review: There is no use in talking about it. There will be no fusion in North Carolina this year with anybody but those who want to see North Carolina redeemed from the clutches of the unholo who have their grasp on her throat. If there should be, it will be impossible to poll the full party strength. There are thousands of good, old-fashioned democrats in North Carolina who will never, under any circumstances, vote for anybody but a democrat on a democratic ticket. You might just as well light this pipe at once, gentlemen, for you will have to smoke it.

Milton Herald: There are, we believe, enough good citizens in this state to cast a safe majority for good government and decent candidates. As we have said on another occasion, "fusionists" because "fusionist" is to some extent related to the corrupt element now in control of our state government. Many of these good citizens would not vote for populists or republicans who serve under the crack of Butler's whip, and who are traded like sheep. Many of them can not be "induced" to vote for democrats who would co-operate with the followers of him who slandered and disgraced the fair name of our state.

Campbell's Bulletin: Last week we published a communication from C. B. Wike, a brilliant Jackson county, rising young man, whose headquarters are in Washington, with the Southern Railroad company. We endorse what he says is the duty of the republicans of the Ninth district in selecting a man to represent us in congress and we recognize the ability of the Hon. James M. Moody, of Haywood county. We do not want it understood that he is our first choice for the nomination. We think there are other gentlemen who have always been republicans, and who are as capable to represent us in congress as Col. Moody, and who have stronger claims on the party.

MORE KNEIPP CURE NEWS FROM PROF. KLOSS INST. 7 and 9 Patton Ave 2 floor. How to Get Rich! First, get well and then attend to your business properly. This is just what Mr. M. thought, and therefore called in my services when he was taken sick last month.

In the short space of five days, making judicious use of heating and strengthening power of water, he became stronger, more vigorous and healthful than he had ever been before. In consequence he is now able to attend to his business better than before his illness and had no cause to regret the money spent in a well known pharmacy, hearing of Mr. M.'s illness, proposed to cure him with a patent medicine, saying it would take Prof. Kloss a month to cure him. This I disproved by curing said patient in FIVE DAYS. Names in blank cheerfully furnished upon application at Kneipp Cure Institute, 7-9 Patton Avenue, second floor. Consultation free.

THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Yesterday's Fluctuations on the Exchanges.

Cotton Market Showed Improvement Yesterday.

Quotations of the New York Money Market—Chicago Grain and Live Stock—Country Produce. New York, March 5.—Haven & Stout in their weekly review today say regarding the financial outlook that speculation has quieted, and after a recovery from last week's depression the stock market shows a decided tendency to wait for developments in connection with the Maine inquiry and the policy of the administration in regard to Spain and Cuba.

London has sold at the improvement a considerable portion of the stocks which it bought on the break last week. The same may be said of the large interests here whose buying support added in steadying the market.

Of the stocks which have attracted attention this week sugar may be regarded as absorbing a large share of speculative interest. There is a great deal of bearish feeling on the stock just now, based on the accumulating evidences that the fight between the trust and the new refineries will be a severe one. The Vanderbilt shares continue to be leaders and the support extended to New York Central was one of the chief reasons for the readiness with which the general market recovered from its depression.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The principal factor in the wheat market is the continuance of the European demand. Stocks abroad are virtually of the hand-to-mouth kind and the dependence of both the Continent and the United Kingdom on the United States is too evident to admit of any discussion.

There are reports of further damage to the Argentine crop, although little attention is paid to that part of the world. It is considered very significant that the Continent is taking nearly all the clearances of wheat from the Atlantic Coast and news has just come forward within a day or two that the wheat going forward at present from the Pacific Coast, instead of being consigned to the United Kingdom as it almost invariably is, is being divided with the Continent. These and other similar indications are considered to have a much greater bearing upon the present situation and future of the market than the failure of Liverpool to keep pace with the rise in cash prices here, although it must be observed that that market has maintained a fair advance over our option prices.

Mr. Leiter's wheat continues to move out and manipulation is very apparent in the entire Chicago market. Corn has been decidedly strong this week. The inclination of the bulls to realize small profits creates a good deal of narrow fluctuation in the price. The falling off of receipts and the continuance of a good export demand with heavy domestic consumption create a feeling that it is going higher.

COTTON.

The cotton market has been comparatively dull and has shown, especially at the end of the week, more or less preponderance of professional trading in this market. The short interest formed on the war scare last week has, however, covered, and the class of professionals who buy for short turns naturally took advantage of the rallying tendency thus caused to realize profits. It can be noticed, however, that at any concessions the market displays marked resistance to pressure, and that what may be termed speculative investors in cotton are prompt to take advantage of such circumstances. Another underlying bullish factor is the continued confidence with which the Southern holders of the staple regard the situation and their apparent ability and disposition to wait for the higher prices which it is now generally believed European manufacturers will have to pay for the supplies which they evidently require.

This fact is indeed a controlling factor in the situation. The latest indications in this connection are certainly calculated to encourage bulls on cotton. The opening of new districts of China to foreign trade is likely to create increased demands and to give the Lancashire spinners an active season. It has been pointed out that a maximum of manufacturing production is necessary to insure the absorption of cotton that would enable this country to market the balance of last year's enormous crop at any material advance in prices. It would seem as indicated above that in this instance the good fortune which for a year past has attended all classes of American producers is not likely to make an exception of cotton.

Interior and port receipts continue to be exceptionally large, but this is offset by the heavy export movement. It may indeed be said that the movement of the crop at the moment is on the whole calculated to support the bull side of the market.

The interminable discussion of a possible prospective reduction of acreage continues to drag along, but as usual without any very definite basis for conclusions in this respect. It is worth considering, however, that the present ease of money and large supplies of capital are calculated to encourage planters rather than to restrict their operations. It will be remembered that the reduced acreage in 1895 was largely the result of financial stringency, and that in this respect conditions this year are entirely reversed. For the time being however the favorable factors outweigh the bearish ones in the cotton market.

Even the New England mill strike seems to be on its last legs and the promise of an extraordinary consumptive demand for the staple abroad gives a solid foundation for expectations of further bull movements.

RIORDAN & CO'S OUTLOOK.

New York, March 5.—After a week of quiet trading cotton prices are without important change. In spite of bearish factors consisting of the usual heavy movement a falling off in the aggressive support from Liverpool and reports that there will be no important reductions in acreage prices have been well sustained. Liverpool sold the new crop heavily and Wall street investors have done most of the buying. Today there was a little animation but the market was unchanged and the opening here was about the same as proved after the opening. May opened at 6.15, advanced to 6.19 and closed at 6.18 @ 6.19, with the tone of the market steady. With the exception of its natural tendency to add to the caution of operators the possibility of trouble between Spain and the United States has had immaterial effect on values this week. The matter continues, however, to attract the closest attention and may at any time develop into the principal factor in the market.

Pending the solution of this matter and the planting of the new crop the course of prices hangs entirely on the continuance of the demand for spots. The movement certainly does not justify any eagerness on the part of buyers, but nevertheless there is no indication of any let up in the demand and it remains the chief bull card. The immediate outlook, therefore, is rather favorable. The South keeps firm, sellers are indifferent. The feeling is inclined to be hopeful and somewhat higher prices seem quite probable. But when the new crop gets under way we fear that unfavorable weather will be necessary to support the market, for the South does not seem inclined to add by smaller planting to the chances of a moderate yield.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, May 5.—The stock market continued on the down grade to-day though the net losses were not so great as yesterday. For most of the day the trading was unimportant and business was confined to a few leading stocks. The uncertainty over the Cuban situation continued to have its effect on the market. Following are closing prices of the day:

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes American Sugar, Am. Tobaco, Baltimore and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, Delaware and Hudson, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, General Electric, Northern Pacific, Philadelphia and Reading, Union Pacific.

GRAIN.

Chicago, March 5.—Following are closing prices to-day: Wheat—July, 90¢; May, \$1.05; Mar. 31¢; Corn—Mar. 28¢; May, 30¢; July, 31¢. Oats—March, 26¢.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Atlanta, Mar. 4.—Eggs 9@10¢. Butter, western creamery, 20@23¢; fancy Tennessee, 14@15¢; choice, 12½¢; Georgia, 12½¢; Live poultry—Turkeys, 10@11¢; hens, 8@9¢; spring chickens, large 20@22¢; small, 15@20¢; ducks, puddle, 18@22¢; Peeking, 25@27¢; dressed poultry, turkeys, 12½@14¢; hens, 10@11¢; chickens, 11@12¢; geese, 8@10¢; ducks 12½¢; Irish potatoes, 95¢@1.00 bu.; sweet potatoes, 60¢@75¢ bu.; honey, dull; strained, 6@7¢; in the comb, 7@8¢; onions, new crop, \$1.15@1.25 bu.; \$3.00@3.25 bbl.

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