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THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Yesterday's Fluctuations on the Exchanges.

Cotton Trading Characterized by Great Dullness.

Quotations of the New York Money Market—Chicago Grain and Live Stock—Country Produce.

New York, March 18.—Great dullness characterized today's trading in cotton. An advance of one-half sixty-fourth in Liverpool this morning was construed as favorable, and the market here opened 2 points higher, August selling on the first call at 6.06. After the opening Wall street was a moderate seller and prices ceased somewhat, August declining to 6.02. The offerings were absorbed, however, by the local short interest, and in the afternoon the loss was fully recovered. August rallied to 6.06 and closed at 6.05 to 6.06, with the tone of the market quiet and steady. Some further development in the political situation is anxiously awaited.

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Table of New York Stock prices including Am. Spirits, Am. Sugar, Atch. T. & S. F., etc.

Table of Chicago Grain and Provisions prices including Wheat, Corn, Pork, etc.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Atlanta, March 17.—Eggs 9@10c. Butter western creamery, 20@23c; fancy Tennessee, 14@15c; choice, 12 1/4; Georgia, 12 1/4@15c; demand light with market glutted. Live poultry—Turkeys, 10@11c; hens, 25@27 1/2c; spring chickens, large 20@22 1/2c; small, 15@20c; ducks, puddle, 13@22 1/2c; Pecking, 25@27 1/2c; dressed poultry, turkeys, 12 1/4@14c; hens, 10@11c; chickens, 11@12c; geese, 8@10c; ducks 12 1/2c; Irish potatoes, 95@1.00 bu.; sweet potatoes, 60@75c bu.; honey, dull; strained, 6@7c; in the comb, 7@8c; onions, new crop, \$1.15@1.25 bu.; \$3.00@3.25 bbl.

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COMMENTS. A clear and concise treatise upon methods in speculation. New York Evening Star, March 9. Written in entertaining fashion. The experience and keenness of the author is undoubted. New York Times, March 9. The author is an experienced speculator, who tells how money is made and lost in Wall street. New York Tribune, March 9. The book deals with an interesting subject in an entertaining manner.—N. Y. Stockholder, Mar. 9.

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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Tom Rollins returned to Marshall yesterday. Robert Gibbs and wife were here from Ivy yesterday. George Hodkin, of Greensboro, was in the city yesterday. Harold Doubleday arrived from Tryon, N. C., yesterday. W. H. Goodrum, a merchant of Hendersonville, is in the city. Miss Vittrice Thomas came down from Balfour yesterday afternoon. J. B. McNeely and family move to Asheville to-day.—(McDowell Democrat).

Lon B. Williams, advance agent of "The Private Secretary," is in the city. J. W. Ferguson was in the city yesterday on his way from a visit to the eastern part of the state.

Dr. Booth and wife, of Asheville, have taken apartments at the Arcade.—Knoxville Sentinel.

Dan Sumney leaves to-day for Charlotte after having visited relatives in the city for several days.

Mrs. J. E. Woodcock, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. G. L. Morris, in Detroit, is visiting in the city.

Mr. Platt D. Walker returned yesterday from Asheville, where he had been on legal business.—Charlotte Observer.

Dr. J. C. Cooper and wife, of New Castle, Pa., who have been visiting here several weeks, left yesterday for Cincinnati.

Capt. and Mrs. T. D. Johnston, of Asheville, are visiting at Mr. John M. Nichols, on East Main street.—Spartanburg Herald.

W. L. Moss, who has been visiting Mrs. Chedister and family on Patton avenue, left yesterday for Philadelphia. Mrs. Moss and child will remain until summer.

Miss Beattie Buchanan, of Asheville, formerly of Webster, was in town two or three days this week, visiting her old friends.—Webster Herald.

Dr. W. W. Clark, of Old Fort, passed through the city yesterday on his return from Bryson City, where he attended as a witness in an important case being heard before George H. Smathers, referee.

Drummer Henry Brown, of Asheville, was here Wednesday. W. H. Faucett, Esq., made a business trip to Asheville Tuesday. Receiver George H. Smathers, of the Western Carolina bank, Asheville, is in town this week.—Waynesville Courier.

Mr. W. E. Allen, formerly of this city, but for six years past of Asheville, is here on a visit at his uncle's, Major C. Dowd. Mr. Allen has been in the confectionery business in Asheville. He goes from here to Baltimore to study dentistry.—Charlotte Observer.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

HOTEL BERKLEY.—J. N. Bahnan, Hickory; W. E. Gearhart, Toledo, O.; O. B. Coward, Knoxville; W. W. Zachary, Marshall; H. S. Willett, New York.

ASHEVILLE HOTEL.—W. P. Pullen, Lynchburg, Va.; O. S. Morgan, Spartanburg, S. C.; Charles Tanner, Dayton, O.; George Graham, Linwood, Ind.; Frank G. Eckel, Syracuse, N. Y.

SWANNANOVA HOTEL.—J. L. Manering, Kentucky; Lawrence Angel, Rochester, N. Y.; S. P. Holloway, Va.; W. E. Thompson, McKeesport, Pa.; R. M. McIntosh, Atlanta; D. A. Hodgin, Greensboro; S. J. Harrison, Dinghampton, N. Y.; L. E. Thompson, Chattanooga; H. A. Thompson, McKeesport, Pa.

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E. D. CARTER FOR CONGRESS.

At a meeting of the republicans of Flat Creek township on Thursday evening last, in which over 100 of the faithful met at Allman school house, it was unanimously resolved that the choice of the party in that township for congress to succeed Richmond Pearson was Eugene D. Carter. Many complaints were made against Mr. Pearson for not answering letters to his constituents on matters of vital interest to them.

THE STATE OF TRADE

War Reports Have not Checked the Onward Trend

New York, March 18.—Dun's review of trade will say tomorrow: Neither peace nor war reports have changed the onward current of business. Orders for more than \$25,000,000 of gold from Europe have blocked any drift toward stringency in money rates. Exports of products have continued at a rate considerably increased and the demand for the products of great industries shows a steady expansion. The backbone of the situation is the excess of merchandise exports, a gain of more than \$41,000,000 over February, with an increase of \$2,600,000 in miscellaneous products, \$2,100,000 in provisions, \$4,500,000 in cotton and \$7,000,000 in breadstuffs compared to last year. The outgo of cotton surpasses all expectations, though the price is stronger than last week. Receipts from plantations contemplated are much greater than the corresponding date from the largest crop here before produced, so that guesses about the future crop are now the main reliance of speculators.

THREATENED STRIKE.

Troy, N. Y., March 18.—A serious strike is imminent at Watervliet, the largest ordnance factory in the United States. The men are greatly dissatisfied and the strike will greatly retard the production of big guns. The men object to the too rigid discipline of Colonel Mordecai and the summary manner in which a number of employes have been dismissed.

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THE ALDERMEN

Registrars and Judges of Election—A Check to Sewer and Macadam Work.

The board of aldermen met last evening. R. P. Walker and H. S. Harkins, chairman of the democratic and republican committees, respectively submitted lists of the judges and registrars to serve in the coming election.

- DEMOCRATIC.—Judges.—1. F. W. Thomas. 2. H. W. Holcombe. 3. E. M. Israel. 4. A. F. Cook. 5. Dick Server. 6. J. Campbell. 7. J. L. L. Slagle. 8. Uno. R. Baird. 9. H. Wood. Registrars.—A. R. Ogburn. Mitchell Andrews. D. D. Suttie. T. C. Collins. T. C. Starnes. Jas. S. Boggs. E. B. Powell. Chas. G. Lee. W. J. Postell.

- REPUBLICAN.—Judges.—1. Hunter Arnold. 2. A. B. Ware. 3. J. A. Wagner. 4. J. W. Raymond. 5. H. Lamar Gudgeon. 6. Wm. Guest. 7. Thos. H. Bishop. 8. J. F. Damon. 9. J. M. Green. Registrars.—T. I. Van Gilder. T. J. Loftain. G. M. Roberts. Otto Hilderbrand. F. F. Howell. L. F. Rhinehart. Ed. McArthur. R. H. Lee. W. H. Henderson.

Section 100 of the City Code, which provides that the city shall not borrow money which can not be repaid during the fiscal year, was discussed, and its relation to the macadamizing of French Broad avenue and the constructing of the Charlotte street sewer line for Mr. Raoul.

Mr. Craig presented an unsigned contract between Mackay and Mr. Raoul which he thought would be as valid if filed out as any financial transactions the city might make. Mr. Raoul's son, who is here, and his lawyer will be consulted before any action is taken.

J. D. Murphy appeared in behalf of those citizens on Flint street, north of Starnes avenue, who desire a sewer line, and are willing to advance the necessary money, the amount to be credited to their taxes. The matter was referred to the sewer and water committee and the city attorney, with power to act. Mr. Murphy also requested that the board change the wording of a certain section of the City Code so as to relieve the baggage master at the depot of the worry occasioned by porters and hackmen being allowed to come inside the grounds during train time. Referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Jones, Burnett, Kennedy and Attorney Craig.

T. J. Revell wished 350 feet of two-inch water pipe laid on Rector street. Referred to sewer and water committee.

G. L. McDonald complained of surplus dirt on Bailey street which hindered access to the property in front of which it stood. The street committee will act in the matter.

Engineer Lee submitted the requested report giving an estimate of the cost of paving Haywood street from West College to Montford avenue with double layers of brick. The figures were \$3,984; with crushed stone, tar and one layer of paving, \$3,724.

Mr. Scott reported that he and Mr. Lee had visited the water works and had inspected the stone-work in the new engine houses being erected. Some of the work was found to be not entirely satisfactory, but the defects were remedied and the committee will see that there is no bad work done hereafter.

Coating the inside of the street sprinklers with tar was favorably reported upon and the experiment will be made.

Alderman Burnett reported that the refrigerator in the stall of McAfee & Jones in the market house needed repairing. The board ordered repairs to the amount of \$25.00, to be made, the money to be advanced by the owners and credited to their rent.

Alderman Hill stated that he would order the electric company to light the tower on the court square at once.

G. M. Mathis asked that the city share in the expense of building a wall on Starnes avenue, made necessary by city street work. Referred to the street committee.

W. B. Gwyn presented a bill for private metres, which had been appropriated by the city. Referred to sewer and water committee.

Weekly cash statement March 18, 1898:

Table with columns RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS. RECEIPTS: Cash on hand March 11, \$134.00; Collected by J. A. Campbell, T. O., 1,761.63; M. E. Roberts, water, 70.19; W. H. Bird, sanitary, 31.65; W. A. James, fines, 28.00; M. W. Robertson, sundries, 1.75; Geo. H. Starnes, scales, 13.03. Total: \$2,040.25. DISBURSEMENTS: Street department, \$352.94; Water department, 217.97; Fire department, 37.25; Sanitary department, 125.75; Police department, 2,110.00; Interest, 4.75; Miscellaneous, 4.75; Cash on hand, 292.43. Total: \$2,040.25.

The following bills were ordered paid: Geo. E. Scott, \$61.48; Southern Railway, \$1.82; Asheville Printing Company, \$3.25; Market Street Woodworking Company, \$22.00; Mrs. W. J. Ball, \$10.50; Ben Creaseman, \$15.00; water pay roll, \$42.98; street pay roll, \$108.14; sanitary pay roll, \$59.52.

GENERAL LEE

Dr. Andrew's Eloquent Tribute at the Opera House.

The lecture last night at the opera house was a memorable event. President Andrews was introduced by Dr. Byrd in a very happy manner. Dr. Byrd said he had never introduced a speaker to an Asheville audience with greater pleasure, because he introduced one possessing great intellectual force plus moral manhood, whose theme appealed to every southern heart. Dr. Andrews received a warm welcome from the large audience present, which included many veterans and sons of veterans and not a few who had seen and known Lee.

It is impossible in a newspaper report to give an adequate idea of the brilliant address. Dr. Andrews spoke without notes and quite rapidly, and evidently for the greater part phrasing his ideas with language occurring to him only as he spoke. But his subject he had studied carefully and con amore, and the result was a masterly presentation of Lee as a man and a soldier.

Beginning with a brief sketch of his career previous to the civil war, he dwelt principally upon his record in that long struggle, incidentally bringing into view and commenting upon, often with keen humor and brilliant wit, other distinguished soldiers on both sides of the contest, and relating characteristic incidents concerning them. He rendered glowing tributes to Stonewall Jackson, to Grant and to Gen. John F. Reynolds, who fell at Gettysburg. But the highest mode of praise was reserved for General Lee. His generalship in the various battles in Virginia, Maryland and at Gettysburg were shown, and the fact that his military genius was recognized by military critics in England, Germany and France during the war was mentioned. Von Moltke in one instance in the Franco-Prussian war copied his tactics.

No union general was able to cope with Lee until Grant. Then Greek met Greek and then came the tug of war. But even Grant was able to overcome Lee only by dint of a battering ram style of fighting and by overwhelmingly superior numbers. Even then for an entire year Lee kept his thinning line unbroken. Lee was the superior general.

The qualities that made Lee great were: First, a moral character almost matchless. He was pure of speech and thought; in the religious features of his character he was second to neither Stonewall Jackson nor Leonidas Polk. He was a Sir Lancelot.

Second, his tireless and irresistible energy. He was cat-like in his watchfulness and in his quickness of apprehension and action.

Third, while he was pendent he possessed the highest bravery, not merely physical courage, but that moral courage which is half divine.

In closing Dr. Andrews paid a tribute to "The Lost Cause," which he said was not really lost, because a great majority of the great ideas for which the south went into the war to defend, still live, and shall live forever. If the decisions of the supreme court of the United States rendered since the war had been made previous to 1861, he did not believe even South Carolina would have seceded. It is now a principle of constitutional law now better recognized than ever that the state is indestructible. In Lee every American can take an honest pride.

President Andrews closed his address with the following striking apostrophe: "Rest then, great soldier of the legion and soldier of the cross! Rest thou forever. We still camp upon the field, but animated by thy example, and by the good spirit that was in thee, we hope to fight well our fight and ultimately share thy rest, tho' the few indeed, of thy fellowmen may hope to attain thy glory."

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