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MARKET REPORT BY TELEGRAPH

Quotations on Leading Stocks, Cotton, Grain and Produce.

Reported by W. M. Cooper, Commission Broker, 53 Patton Avenue. Phone 205.

New York, July 25.—Stocks opened dull this morning with very little interest shown by either side during the first hour. Sugar was almost the only stock that showed any strength, and, joined by tobacco in the afternoon, it led a good rally, the close showing gains all along the line.

This movement looks like the inauguration of another good and substantial rise in securities and we expect soon to see prices far above the present level, especially in some of the lower priced stocks, such as Rock Island, Louisville and Nashville and Southern Railway preferred.

COTTON—Liverpool advices come fractionally higher this morning, in response to our little rally Saturday, but our market opened practically unchanged, and gradually declined 4 to 6 points, the close being weak at lowest for the day.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS. Chicago, July 25.—Wheat opened quiet at 3-8 @ 1-2 decline and ruled very narrow and dull all day.

Corn continues to show good strength the close today being at an advance of 3-4 over Saturday's figures. This is about the highest price corn has touched since 1895, and looks like a mighty good sale, in view of the present crop prospects.

Provisions are steady, and quiet. CLOSING QUOTATIONS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Table with columns for various commodities and their prices. Includes items like Am. Sugar, Am. Tobacco, Am. Steel & Iron, etc.

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THE END NOT IN SIGHT

President Does not Expect Overtures From Spain for Peace.

Washington, July 25.—The president understands overtures from Spain are not to be expected even after such crushing blows as she has received in southeastern Cuba. He realizes now that Spain may see Manila fall and Porto Rico occupied and still fail to seek peace.

"There is apparently only one chance for early peace; that lies in the possible insistence by the powers to Spain that, having lost all, she shall acknowledge herself beaten and shall accept the terms which the United States offers.

No expectation is entertained by the president and his cabinet of peace in the near future, if the dependence is wholly upon Spain's voluntary act, and this view having its decided influence upon the new plans of the administration. It bears a relation to the order just made deferring the sailing of Commodore Watson's squadron to the other side of the Atlantic.

BIG CARNIVAL FOR CHICAGO

Chicago, July 25.—A public meeting will be held tomorrow evening at the Great Northern hotel, for the discussion of plans for a carnival in Chicago from October 3 to 13 inclusive.

A synopsis of the program contemplated for the proposed celebration has already been mapped out. The opening ceremonies will consist of a spectacular production on the lake front.

An international week is contemplated, during which representatives of the various nations of the world will take part in costume festivals. The second week of the carnival will be purely national, showing the rise and progress of America.

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CLOSE TO THE MOON.

It is Brought Within Easy Reach of the World by a Recent Invention.

Herr Johann Mayer, an Austrian lieutenant, has just discovered a method by which the moon can be brought within pistol-shot of the world, figuratively speaking. Nothing among the many marvels of modern invention is more astonishing than this same discovery. By his invention Herr Mayer says the moon can be brought within a distance of 100 yards, in fact, and explored most thoroughly.

MORE HAVE SURRENDERED.

Paris, July 25.—A despatch from Cape Haitien states that Spanish forces at Guantanamo have surrendered to General Shafter.

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CUPID'S VICTORY

Despite Parents Opposition Miss Grace Rankin Weds Patrick H. Branch.

One of the greatest surprises Asheville's social circles have ever experienced occurred Sunday evening, when it became known that Miss Grace Rankin, only daughter of ex-Mayor J. E. Rankin, had eloped with Mr. Patrick H. Branch, who is at present clerk at the Ebbitt House in Washington, but who formerly resided in this city at 14 Starves Avenue.

Miss Rankin left her home on Merrimon Avenue Sunday morning, ostensibly to attend church. She informed her mother that she would dine with her aunt, Mrs. Wadsworth, and would not be home until evening.

Instead she met Mr. Branch, according to previous arrangements. Accompanied by Mrs. Frank Darby, Mrs. Frank McDonald and Alexander Webb, Mr. Branch and Miss Rankin boarded the 3:30 train yesterday afternoon and went to Hot Springs. Rev. Harold Turner, pastor of the Methodist church, was waiting for the bridal party in the private parlor of the Mountain Park hotel and on their arrival, performed the ceremony which united Miss Grace Rankin and Mr. Patrick Henry Branch in the holy bonds of wedlock.

Immediately after the marriage, telegrams were sent to Mrs. Branch and Mr. Rankin and Mr. Frank Darby, announcing the happy culmination of the lover's plan and that Miss Rankin was (Continued on sixth page.)

FEARED TO ARREST CARLIST CONSPIRATORS

Spain Allows the Leaders to Leave the Country and Join the Pretender.

Madrid, July 25.—The latest phase of the Carlist activity is an exodus of leaders of that party from Spain. The government believes that they have gone to join the Pretender, but feared to arrest them as such a course might have precipitated complications.

CALIFORNIA JACK RABBITS.

Those of the Southern Part of the State Are the Largest in Existence.

The jack rabbits of southern California are the biggest rabbits in existence. They are as fleet as the wind, and one will sit still on its form or by the roadside until you have almost grabbed it by its mule-like ears, but before you can close your fingers on it there will be no rabbit there.

These big rabbits are so swift and sudden as the fleas that swarm on them as soon as summer comes. The rabbits are fat then, but these fleas are so thick on them, and are so voracious that they actually reduce the long-eared four-footed jumper to a skeleton by the time the fall rains sets in.

If foreign nations would become proficient with the formidable guns of modern warfare Lieut. Wilson recommends to their ministers the introduction of the American and English game of playing marbles.

Lieut. Wilson contends that playing marbles steadies the nerves of the prospective naval cadet while he is plodding through the primary grades at school. The sport promotes a spirit of calculation of distances which is of incalculable value when hostile fleets are maneuvering for battle.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

There was not a large attendance at the democratic club last night but those who were present were favored with an enthusiastic address from Lon Wells, of Madison county. His dwelt on the elements that constituted true manhood, and showed how conspicuous they were in many of the representatives of the democratic party and how few and far between in the leaders of the opposing organization.

Mrs. S. T. Early, of Dillaboro, died at her home yesterday afternoon. Her husband and six children survive. She was a sister of Mrs. Fred Moore, of this city. Mrs. Moore left on the late train to be present at the interment.

Mrs. R. H. Barr, of Philadelphia, has returned to spend some months.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Auld and Miss Mary Auld, of Greenwood, S. C., are guests in the city for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Fern are here from Coal Creek for a few days.

Mrs. L. N. Zealy and daughter, of Columbia, S. C., arrived yesterday for a short stay.

J. D. M. Dillard is here from Greenville, S. C.

H. R. Barron, of Winston, is here representing R. J. R. tobacco.

Dr. P. L. Pine came up yesterday from White Pine, Tenn.

J. D. Gilkey is back from a two weeks' visit to Chester, S. C.

Prof. and Mrs. Lemmond have returned from a week's visit to Blackwell's Springs.

H. Taylor Rogers and family returned from Waynesville yesterday.

Mrs. L. P. Dotterer, Miss Elizabeth Clarkson and Miss Sadie Clarkson, of Charlotte, and Miss Lila Ewart came down from Hendersonville to visit Vanderbilt's estate and spend a day in the city.

Miss Juliet Howard, of Lebanon, Ky., will arrive in a few days. After a short stop in the city she will be the guest of Mrs. Platt at Buck Shoals.

Miss Cora Davidson has gone to Swannanoa for a week's vacation.

Captain Eugene Cherry, Sergeant Hobby, Sergeant Christie, Corporal Coley and Musician Dunham, of the Fifth Iowa, stationed at Jacksonville, are here on their return to their regiment, having been on recruiting duty for a number of weeks.

Mrs. W. S. Lease and daughter, of Orangeburg, S. C., and Miss Shivers, of Mobile, are guests for the summer at Miss Tennent's on Montford Avenue.

Miss Lizzie Fortune has returned from a two weeks' visit to Swannanoa.

Gus Ellerbe and Miss Ellerbe, from Camden, S. C., are visiting their brother, N. G. Ellerbe, on Cumberland Avenue.

Mrs. J. M. Guder, Jr., returned last evening from a week's visit to Broadway.

Dr. W. G. Faucette is back from a short visit to Waynesville.

P. A. Simpson, Fifth Ohio, who is a nephew of Policeman Bradley, was in the city yesterday en route from Tampa to his home in Ohio, having received an honorable discharge.

Miss Emma Kate Guder has gone to Marshall to visit relatives for a short time.

Will Coleman is here from Union, S. C., for a week's visit.

Dr. Howell Way and R. G. A. Love came over yesterday from Waynesville.

Miss Mamie Straube, of Richmond, Va., was in the city yesterday en route to Waynesville to spend some time.

S. V. Pickens is here from Hendersonville.

George R. Collins has gone to Salisbury to look after his new ice factory.

Dr. George Dean, of Spartanburg, was in the city yesterday.

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