

Publisher's Announcement.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except on Sundays, at \$3.00 per year, \$1.00 for six months, \$1.50 for three months, 50 cents for one month, to mail subscribers only. Delivery by city messengers at the rate of 10 cents per week for any period from one week to one year.

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at \$1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months, 35 cents for three months.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY).—One square one day, \$1.00; two days, \$1.75; three days, \$2.50; four days, \$3.00; five days, \$3.50; one week, \$4.00; two weeks, \$7.00; three weeks, \$9.50; one month, \$10.00; two months, \$17.00; three months, \$24.00; six months, \$40.00; twelve months, \$70.00. For lines of solid Roman type make one square.

All announcements of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Funerals, Social Meetings, Political Meetings, etc., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Notices under head of "City Items" 50 cents per line for first insertion, and 15 cents per line for each subsequent insertion.

No advertisements inserted in Local column at any price.

Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged \$1.00 per square for each insertion. Every other day, or for a number of days, at a special rate. Two thirds of daily rate.

Communications, unless they contain important news, or those brief and proper subjects of interest, are not wanted; and if accepted, the publisher will not be held responsible for their return if the real name of the author is withheld.

An extra charge will be made for double-column or triple-column advertisements.

Advertisements on which no specified number of insertions is marked will be considered "fill" copy, at the option of the publisher, and charged up to the date of discontinuance.

Agreement, Auction and Official advertisements one dollar per square for each insertion.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special position, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Arrivals" will be charged fifty per cent extra.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for, or before the expiration of the term, will be charged for the actual number of insertions.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express, or in Registered Letters. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

Advertisers should always specify the issue or issues they desire to advertise in. There are no advertisements in the Daily, when an advertiser contracts for the paper to be sent to him during the time his advertisement is in, the proprietor will only be responsible for the mailing of the paper to his address.

People generally have no idea of the canning business of the United States. We gather some statistics from the Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore:

"Over 1,000,000 cans are used annually by the consumers of this country. The weight of the metal used in their manufacture was 110,000,000 pounds, at a cost of \$45,000,000—remember this is the cost of the cans."

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THE LATEST NEWS.

THE WEATHER.

Intense Cold and Heavy Snows Reported from the West and North-west—Great Suffering in western Kansas, from Want of Fuel and Provisions—A Number of Deaths Reported—Texas Catches a Part of the Storm.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. St. Louis, Dec. 21.—Yesterday opened with a warm rain, but by 9 a. m. snow began to fall, and at noon the mercury had sunk from 45 to 15 degrees, and a moderate blizzard was skipping around rather lively.

During the afternoon and last night the mercury gradually fell, and a blizzard thermometer marked 10 degrees, with a high, fierce wind prevailing. Very little snow fell, and no trouble of the railroads in this section is yet reported.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—The Times has telegraphic advices which indicate that there is terrible suffering in the western part of Kansas. Four people are reported dead in Clark county from cold, while near Dighton, Kansas, a woman and her two children are known to have perished.

There is great suffering in that section of the State owing to the scarcity of coal. The supply was exhausted during the previous cold snap in the first part of the month, and the situation is now deplorable. By the fact that food is almost as scarce as fuel. Many of the inhabitants are settlers who are dependent on what the railroads bring in.

The railroads are trying to do all in their power to relieve the distress, but they are handicapped by the scarcity of cars. They have not enough to supply the urgent demand for food and fuel, and widespread distress is inevitable unless the weather speedily moderates. The Santa Fe Road has already announced that it will ship free all supplies which may be collected for Clark county.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—The storm which started yesterday and still continues furiously in Minnesota, is by far the worst of the season. The wind is strong, and the snow is drifting badly. The storm was general in the northwest. It was accompanied by very cold weather in Dakota and Northwest Territory, the lowest point reached being 28 degrees below zero, at Fort Assiniboine. At 5 o'clock yesterday, however, many railroad blockades must have been cleared. Several inches of snow have fallen. Trains are delayed somewhat, but as yet there is no general interruption of business. If the storm continues all day, however, many railroad blockades must occur.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The rain, mud and slush which yesterday afternoon made life in Chicago a burden, gave place during the night to a cold wave from the northwest. It came with a rush, and inside of twelve hours there was a drop of 35 degrees in the temperature. The Signal Service reports the thermometer at 5 degrees above zero in the early morning hours; at 6 o'clock it was 10 above, but though at 10 o'clock the sun shone brightly, its rays had but slight warming effect. The indications are that the cold blast will hover over this region for at least twenty-four hours longer, and that a lower point on the thermometer will be reached. The wind during the night reached a velocity of twenty-four miles an hour, but has dropped to six miles.

At 8 o'clock this morning Fort Totten, Dak., reported the temperature at 20 degrees below; at Denver it was 14 below, and at Montrose 20 below. Away down at Fort Davis, Texas, the inhabitants were reeling in the novel luxury of a snow storm, and at San Francisco the thermometer stood at 26 above.

PERSONAL. — Little Josef Hoffman does not like to be kissed by the ladies. That is something that he will outgrow in time.

Count Von Moltke is reported to have said recently: "In my youth it was predicted that I should take part in three great wars. I have taken part in two."

Mr. Rufus C. Hartranft, of Philadelphia, has one of the largest and most complete collections of old American plays in existence. There are more than 30,000 distinct titles in his catalogue.

John T. Morgan will be the next Senator from Alabama, or the State will have gone back on the most brilliant man that has lived within her borders. And Alabama, we may state, is not going backwards fast these days.

Wm. D. Howells has denied the genuineness of Dickens and now Edgar Fawcett says that Thackeray does not amount to much. But Dickens and Thackeray will probably be read by posterity when the names of Howells and Fawcett have been forgotten by the novel-reading world.

1887 XMAS. 1887. I AM PREPARED THIS WEEK TO FURNISH my customers with all the delicacies of the season.

FINEST DEHESA RAISINS, London Layer and Seedless Raisins. Citron, Mixed Nuts, &c., &c., and every other article suitable for their FRUIT CAKES and PUDDINGS.

HOLIDAY TRADE. Call in and examine below named few articles: JAMAICA and NEW ENGLAND RUM, HENNESSY COGNAC BRANDY, PORT, SHERRY and SWEET CATAWBA WINES.

FOR XMAS. I HAVE IN STOCK AND TO ARRIVE FLUSH DRESSING CASES, SMOKING SETS, ODOUR CASES, MANICURE SETS, FLUTE AND MENTAL WHISK-HOLDERS, DUSTER HOLDERS, SEWING CASES, WORK BOXES, GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF SETS, BABY SETS, Novelties, &c., which I am offering very low.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 21. P. M. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Fair market opened firm at 34 cents per gallon, with small sales at quotations.

ROBIN—Market steady at 82 cents per barrel for Strained and 87 cents for Good Strained.

TAR—Market quoted firm at \$1.05 per barrel of 280 lbs, with sales at quotations.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Distillers quote at \$3.00 for Virgin and Yellow D.P. and \$1.05 for Hard.

COTTON—Market quoted firm. No sales reported. Quotations at the Produce Exchange were as follows:

Ordinary.....7 cents #D. Good Ordinary.....7-16 " " Low Middling.....9 " " Middling.....9 " " Good Middling.....10 " " CORN—Quoted firm at 60 cents for yellow in bulk, and 62 cents in sacks; white is quoted at 62 cents in bulk, and 64 cents in sacks—for cargoes.

TIMBER—Market steady, with quotations as follows: Prime and Extra Shipping, first-class heart, \$3.00@10.00 per M. feet; Extra Mill, \$3.00@7.50; Good Common Mill, \$3.00@5.00; Inferior to Ordinary, \$3.00@4.00.

PEANUTS—Market firm. Prime 55@60 cents; Extra Prime 65@70 cents; Fancy 75@80 cents per bushel of 28 lbs.

RICE—Market quiet. Fair quoted at 4@4 1/4; Prime 5@5 1/4 per cwt. Rough —85@90c for upland; \$1.00@1.15 for tide-water per bushel.

RECEIPTS. Cotton.....703 bales Spirits Turpentine.....134 casks Rosin.....380 bbls Tar.....357 bbls Crude Turpentine.....45 bbls

MARKETS. (By Telegraph to the Produce Exchange.) NEW YORK, Dec. 21. 4 P. M.—Cotton dull; middling 10 1/2-16. Spirits turpentine 87 1/2 cents per gallon. Rosin \$1.05@1.10.

Cotton futures opened and closed as follows: December 10.40@10.35; January 10.45@10.40; February 10.50@10.45; March 10.55@10.50; April 10.70@10.65; May 10.80@10.75; June 10.90@10.85; July 10.95@10.90; August 10.95@10.90; September 10.95@10.90; October 10.11@10.15.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21. 4 P. M.—Wheat—December, nominal at 77c; May 84c. Corn—May, 54@54 1/4c. Oats—cash, 30c; May, 32c. Hogs—cash, \$14.75; Short ribs—cash, \$7.70; January, \$7.70. Lard—January, \$7.50.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21. 4 P. M.—Cotton firm; Middling uplands 5 1/2d. Receipts 9,000 bales, of which 8,300 are American. Sales of 15,000 bales, of which 9,400 are American. Future—December 5 1/4-6 1/4d; January and February 5 1/4-6 1/4d; March and April 5 1/4-6 1/4d; May and June 5 1/4-6 1/4d; July and August 5 1/4-6 1/4d.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Spirits turpentine 28s 4d. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—Spirits turpentine 28s 9d.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 21. 4 P. M.—Spirits turpentine firm at 84 cents per gallon. Rosin steady at 92c per bbl.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 21.—Spirits turpentine 34c. Rosin nominal; no demand.

DOMESTIC MARKETS. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) Financial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Noon.—Money easy at 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange 48 1/2@49 1/2 and 49 1/2@49 1/2. State bonds neglected. Government securities dull but firm.

Commercial. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Noon.—Cotton dull; sales of 139 bales; middling uplands 10 1/2-16 cents; middling Orleans 11 1/2-16 cents. Flour quiet and steady. Wheat higher. Corn better. Pork firm at \$15.25 @15.50. Lard steady at \$8.07 1/2. Spirits turpentine steady at 87c. Rosin steady at \$1.05@1.10. Freight steady.

BALTIMORE, December 21.—Flour easy and dull; Howard street and western super \$3.87@3.75; extra \$3.00@3.60; family \$4.00@4.50; city mills super \$2.87 @3.60; extra \$3.00@3.60; Rio brand \$4.50 @4.75. Wheat—southern steady and quiet; red 90@92c; amber 92@93c; western higher and quiet; No. 2 winter red on spot 84 1/2 @85c. Corn—southern steady and fairly active; white 53@54c; yellow 53@54c.

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ALSO COOKING BRANDIES AND WINES, &c. Leave your order for same at SOL BEAR & CO., Dec 18th No. 18 Market street.

Cotton Bagging. 1000 Half Bolls BAGGING. 300 Boxes TO