

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

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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, \$6.00; two weeks, \$10.00; three weeks, \$13.00; one month, \$15.00; two months, \$27.00; three months, \$38.00; six months, \$65.00; twelve months, \$110.00. Ten lines of solid Nonpareil type make one square.

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feet in depth with vegetable matter, the accumulation of ages, with such a supply that every time the plow goes an inch deeper, it turns up fresh fertilizer, if the soil needed any, for the crop to be planted. Nature did the fertilizing there, and nature would do it elsewhere, not so generously, perhaps, but generously enough, if men would give her a chance and cooperate with her.

Nature's fertilizers are grasses, weeds, leaves, &c., with which she first covered the bare places of earth and made them rich enough to produce something else. In time the nurtured forest came, and then the earth became fit for the habitation of man and the living things over which he was given dominion.

Commercial fertilizers are good enough in their way and when other fertilizers are not used, or cannot be procured in sufficient quantity, they are decidedly better than none, as cotton cannot be very well or profitably grown these days on the average cotton field without some kind of a fertilizer, but it is our honest belief that the Southern planter would be infinitely better off to-day if the guano deposits of the South Pacific had never been discovered or if the man who compounded the first commercial fertilizer had signally failed in the attempt. Then not having these stimulants of the soil to depend upon our planters would have been thrown upon their own resources and they would have been compelled to give their attention to the making of their own fertilizers, and we would to-day have quite a different order of farming from what we have and lands far richer and of greater value.

We do not know the gross amount of commercial fertilizers annually used by the planters of the South, but when we are told that the planters of Georgia alone have used in the past seventeen years 2,528,706 tons we may form some idea of what a colossal amount must have been used by the planters of the South within that time, and then when we estimate the value in dollars per ton, even at the lowest price, we may form some idea of what an immense amount of money these fertilizers have cost our people.

MINOR MENTION.
One of the greatest howlers, and about the greatest, in this country for a high tariff on wool is the Wool Growers' Association of Ohio, which is not a wool growers' association in fact, but an association composed largely of men who are engaged in raising fancy sheep to sell at fancy prices to farmers who are persuaded that they can grow wool at a profit on land worth \$50 to \$100 an acre, which they discover to be a mistake after they have tried it awhile. Hon. Wm. McKinley, now Governor of Ohio, when he was in Congress tinkering with the tariff, the great mouthpiece and champion of this association and he managed to crowd all the protection which they had the cheek to ask for into his bill. They are now shaking in their boots from fear that the next Congress will put wool on the free list, where it should have been all the time, and their hope now is that the Republican machine managers may steal U. S. Senators enough to retain control of the Senate and prevent this. In the event they don't, and the Democrats get control of the Senate and put wool on the free list then this association threatens all sorts of dire retribution on the Democrats when they get a whack at them next time. If free raw wool would prove such a calamity as they declare, why haven't European nations discovered it? In thirteen of the countries of Europe, embracing all the leading ones except Russia, raw wool is duty free, while in four there is but a small duty levied, the highest being in Turkey, where it is 8 per cent, *ad valorem*. These free wool countries seem to like it well enough to stick to it, although some of them believe in a protective tariff. But they wisely draw the line on wool, and let their people have good, cheap, clothing and blankets.

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, in his speech in the Senate, last Saturday, expressed his opinion of Postmaster General Wanamaker's latest device, the Columbian postage stamp. He was brief, but to the point, and left no doubt in the minds of those who heard him that he regards Mr. Wanamaker's Columbian stamps as a big thing, rather too big. He didn't however, think Mr. Wanamaker's bargain counter scheme by which he said he would net \$1,500,000 by the sale of the stamps to stamp collectors such a big thing; on the contrary, he considered it a rather small business for a great government like this. Somebody must have had a hand in getting up that stamp besides Mr. Wanamaker,

and the probabilities are that the design was furnished by some paper manufacturer conjointly with some mucilage manipulator, for of all the people in the world no one could possibly be so much in favor of this barn-door stamp as the man who makes the paper for it and the man who compounds the stick stuff with which it is veneered. If their opinion was asked they would both declare, and stick to it, that this Columbian creation is a big thing, for a fact. Mr. Wanamaker may rake in \$1,500,000 (which we don't believe he will), from the stamp collections, but what will that be to what the paper man and the mucilaginous man will rake in from Uncle Sam? And then who is going to pay the public, who use stamps, for the extra licking they will have to do? If they are called off the market, as Senator Wolcott insists they should be, they need not be a total loss, for, as he suggests, on the hint of a physician, they might be sold for chest-protectors. A Columbian chest-protector, in these Columbian times ought to take, and if the people once caught on to the chest-protector idea, we have no doubt the stamp would stick.

The Baltimore Manufacturers' Record for last week reports increased activity "in the establishment of Southern industries," the number reported being considerably larger than for any one week for some time. Making note only of the more important it reports twenty-five, representing an aggregate capital of \$1,465,000. The most of these are industries that will require raw material of some sort, and give employment to a considerable number of people, much of it skilled labor. Capitalists are evidently looking Southward, and the indications point to a steady increase of investments for some time to come, especially in the cotton, iron and lumber industries. It will be remembered that during Mr. Cleveland's administration there was great activity in the establishment of industrial enterprises in the South, greater than there has been at any time since. That was an era of good feeling and there was little or no political excitement in the South, the effect of which was to beget confidence in the South and stimulate the investment of capital. The conditions now promise to be pretty much the same as then, the era of good feeling the same, the resulting confidence the same, with indications of similar or greater industrial activity.

CURRENT COMMENT.
—What a horrible invention is John Wanamaker's new postage stamp! It makes us wish that Col. Dan Lamont could be Postmaster-General. It would not take him ten minutes to abolish Wanamaker's nuisance for ever and ever.—*New York Sun, Dem.*

—A Republican organ sarcastically remarks that "Democrats think with their feet." Perhaps that explains why, after the vigorous and properly applied thinking done by the Democrats last November, the Republican candidate for the Presidency will not be able to take his seat in March.—*Louisville Courier Journal, Dem.*

—The do-nothing policy of the Senate indicates a purpose to hand over to the Democrats all the evils and dangers caused by the Republican Billion-Dollarism, McKinleyism, Rauminism, Fosterism and Shermanism. This is not the part of a good tenant or an honest administration. It is not even smart politics.—*New York World, Dem.*

—The nomination of the President's Private Secretary, Elijah W. Halford, to be Paymaster of the army, with the rank of Major, is something altogether out of the usual run of such appointments. Mr. Halford is not only a civilian, but has apparently never had any connections with the army. There is, however, no doubt that he is entirely qualified by character and ability, to discharge the duties of Paymaster.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.
FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS MR. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth? If so send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Dysentery and Diarrhea, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP."

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever, Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no cure is required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 30 cents per box. For sale by Robert R. Bellamy, Wholesale and Retail Druggist.

Wilmington Methodist E. Church South.
Appointments of Rev. W. S. Rone, Presiding Elder:
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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Forest City Ledger: We are sorry to announce the death of Mrs. J. Wilkie, which occurred at this place on the 18th inst.

—Salisbury Herald: A lady in Salisbury is having a rather remarkable experience just now. She has lost her second set of teeth, all that the average mortal generally has, but nature is giving her a third set. Three of these new teeth are already through and others are coming.

—Goldboro Argus: The beautiful exposition car "Florida on Wheels," was the attraction in this city yesterday and received a constant tide of visitors during the entire day. It is a marvel of beauty and artistic arrangement, and gives a very comprehensive idea of the fruit, timber, mineral and scenic resources of the "Land of Flowers."

—Elizabeth City Carolinian: The coldest winter for 35 years, is what who remember it, tell us. It began on the 21st of December, since which time the thermometer has been almost continuously down below the freezing point. We have seen nothing to compare with it during the twenty-four years that we have lived in the "Sunny South."

—Scotland Neck Democrat: Tuesday, while Jacob Hymans' wife, colored, was gone from her home near the railroad, a few miles below town, her little girl went to a log fire near where railroad hands were at work, and her clothes caught fire and she was burned to death. Her mother returned seeing the child dead in a ditch.

—Newbern Journal: Three Northerners who are camping at Johnson's Point seven miles below Newbern, walked up to the city on the ice yesterday and returned the same way. When interrogated as to whether they felt any uneasiness at being out on the ice they replied, no, they were used to ice and that this would hold a horse and cart.

—Raleigh News and Observer: S. Otho Wilson, whose indictment and arrest were noted in yesterday's issue of the News and Observer, was arraigned in Wake Superior Court yesterday morning and required to give justified bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance at the next term of Court. W. H. J. Goodwin and C. E. J. Goodwin went upon his bond, and the date of the trial was set for Tuesday, March 28th, at the March term of Court.

—Smithfield Herald: At the residence of Mr. F. J. Williams, Jr., on the 8th inst., Mrs. Martha Peedin departed this life at the age of 74 years. Joseph Barber, from near Oak was lodged in jail here last Tuesday for blocking. He gave bond yesterday and was released. — Some unknown person, or persons, broke into the store of Mr. B. R. Hood, last Monday night and stole six or seven dollars in money. The amount of goods stolen is not known.

—Charlotte Observer: Mrs. W. Houston Taylor, of Crab Orchard, died Friday night at her home after an illness of some weeks, aged 37 years. — Mr. James Cumming, of Berryhill township, has a very fine cow, from which he gets a quantity of milk. For several mornings the quantity was greatly diminished, for which he could not account until yesterday. He rose early and went into the barn, and to his surprise saw a large hog playing call. He then knew how to account for the decrease in the quantity of milk.

—Friday evening Chief-of-Police Morgan, of Chester, passed through here, going up the statesville road "on the trail," as he expressed it. Yesterday he returned with two prisoners, whom he said were the burglars who recently started the town of Blackstock in their operations. They were captured in an out-of-the-way house in Rowan county Friday night, and professed to be brothers. When caught they were in the building in hiding.

—Lexington Dispatch: A good many of the wells in town are getting low in water, probably owing to the severe cold weather. We are reliably informed that the water in a well at least thirty feet deep froze over at the factory, Friday night. We have heard of cold weather and cold weather, but never do we remember to have heard of water in a well freezing. The breaks, the record of freezing weather, on Saturday Mr. Ross Luyer, who attended to Green's mill, in placing his gun behind a box, struck the hammer on it, discharging the gun. The entire load entered the right arm, halfway between the shoulder and elbow, passed up through the fleshy part of the arm, and lodged just behind and a little below the point of the shoulder. Dr. Crawford attended him and made an incision and extracted forty-seven shot, the wadding, consisting of paper and rag, together with the part of his clothes which covered that part of the wounded arm.

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—Senator Peffer is beginning to realize that "public office is a private snare." His son has been appointed to a \$1,800 position on the Senate pay roll, and his nephew has also been provided with a \$900 assignment under the Sergeant-at-Arms. His clerk occupies the most richly furnished rooms in the Senatorial annex, the Malby house.

—While he was on an electioneering tour, it is stated, the late Gen. B. F. Butler (the incident occurred at Springfield, Mass) called a little girl to him and asked if she knew who he was. She at-tered his name. "How did you know me?" he inquired. "By your cross-eye," was the ingenuous reply, and when Butler got done laughing he remarked, "There's fame for you," and gave the little girl a kiss and a dollar.

TWINKLINGS.
—Midge—There's a pretty good second hand bicycle I have in mind—Yabley—Seems like I had a wheel in my head it would be a new one.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

—One of the exceptions.—"I tell you, Marbury, you can't get something for nothing in this world."
—"O, don't know. How about measles?"—*Brooklyn Life.*

—Mrs. Harris' Poor Mrs. Swift, I suppose she is heartbroken over husband's elopement with the cook.
—Mrs. Pepper—Well, I don't see why I heard her say she was a miserable cook.—*Inter-Ocean.*

—The Editor—Take a seat Miss Bostin.
—Miss Bostin (with a roll of manuscript) Thank you, I will not take the chair, but I shall be glad to occupy it while I read you my poem on icicles.—*Texas Sittings.*

—"My!" said the visitor, as he lifted Willie up in the air. "You are solid."
—"Yes," said Willie proudly. "There isn't anything platter about me."—*Harper's Basar.*

—She—Dudes haven't more than half sense.
—Mr. Sappy—Aw, Miss Maww, are there no exceptions?
—"O, yes, Mr. Sippy, some haven't any."—*Brooklyn Esq.*

—"Wasn't it sad about old Mil-lion's failure?"
—"What has he failed?"
—"Yes, gone clear smash."
—"That too bad, he promised me something yesterday, but now in his trouble I will not hold him to it."
—"That generous of you. What was it?"
—"His daughter's hand in marriage."—*Tid-Bits.*

—Remarkable Experience.—Dr. Squills (eminent specialist)—Now, there was the case of a man named Stoppinger, who had half of his brains shot away in a street brawl some years ago and is still alive.
—Editor of Literary Magazine—Stoppinger! Not J. Xenophon Stoppinger?
—"Yes, that was his name."
—"Why, he's the author of the new society novel that's having such a run."—*Chicago Tribune.*

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We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits.

ROBERT R. BELLAMY, Druggists.

ATTENTION!
CHINA SETS.
We have a few handsome Dinner and Tea Sets, also Toilet Sets, which we will close out at greatly reduced prices for the Holidays.
These Goods we imported, and are of very fine quality.
Come and see them.

Wm. E. Springer & Co.,
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS
Purcell Building.
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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.
STAR OFFICE, January 23.
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 20 1/2 cents per gallon; no sales.

ROBIN—Market dull at 97 1/2 cts per bbl. for Strained and 1 1/2 1/2 for Good Strained.
TAR—Firm at \$1 15 per bbl. of 380 lbs.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Distillers quote the market steady at \$1 00 for Hard, and \$1 70 for Yellow Dip and Virgin.

PEANUTS—Farmers' stock quoted at 50 to 75 cents per bushel of 28 pounds. Market quiet.
NORFOLK MARKET—Steady. Prime, 3 1/2 cents; Strictly Prime, 2 1/2 cents; Fancy, 3 1/2 cents; Spanish, 2 1/2 3/4 cents; common, 1 1/2 cents; shelled, 2 1/2 3/4 cents.

COTTON—Dull on a basis of 9 1/2 c for Middling. Official quotations are:
Ordinary..... 7 1/2 cts per lb
Good Ordinary..... 7 3/4 " "
Low Middling..... 9 1-16 " "
Middling..... 9 1/2 " "
Good Middling..... 10 13-16 " "

RECEIPTS.
Cotton..... 54 bales
Spirits Turpentine..... 83 casks
Rosin..... 83 bbls
Tar..... 114 bbls
Crude Turpentine..... 00 bbls

DOMESTIC MARKETS.
(By Telegraph to the Morning Star.)
Financial.
NEW YORK, January 23—Evening—Money on call easy, ranging from 2 to 3 per cent, and closing offered at 2 1/2. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 3/4 per cent. Sterling exchange quiet and easier; posted rates 48 1/2 @ 48 3/4. Commercial bills dull and firm. Southern State bonds dull but steady; North Carolina 4s 98; North Carolina sixes 123 1/2. Railroad bonds active.

Commercial.
NEW YORK, January 23—Evening—Cotton dull and easy; middling uplands 9 1/2; middling Orleans 9 1/2; low middling 9 1-16; good ordinary 9 1/2; sales to-day 493 bales; total net receipts at all ports 15,078 bales; exports to Great Britain 4,651 bales; to the Continent—Bales to France 1,539 bales; stock 1,504, 387 bales.
Cotton—Futures closed firm; sales of 187,800 bales; January 9.45c; February 9.48c; March 9.58c; April 9.66c; May 9.74c; June 9.80c; July 9.84c; August 9.88c; September 9.85c; October 9.46c, November 9.38c.

Four dull but steady; Southern flour dull and easy; common to fair extra \$2 10 @ 10; good to choice do. \$3 15 @ 4.25. Wheat firmer and fairly active; No. 2 red 79 1/2 @ 79 3/4 c in store and at elevator and 80 1/2 c afloat; options opened firm and 3/4 c up, declined 1/4 c and closed steady and 3/4 c up under Saturday; No. 2 red January 78 1/2 c; February 79 1/2 c; March 80 1/2 c; May 82 1/2 c. Corn firm and dull; No. 2 53 1/2 @ 54 c at elevator and 54 1/2 @ 55 c afloat; steamer 53 1/2 c; options dull and 1/4 c lower; January 53 1/2 c; February 53 1/2 c; Oats active and firmer; options dull and lower; January 38 1/2 c; May 39 1/2 c. No. 3 white January 43 1/2 @ 43 3/4 c; spot prices—No. 2 38 1/2 @ 39 c; do. white 45 @ 45 1/2 c. No. 3 Chicago 38 1/2 @ 40 c; No. 3 38 c; mixed Western 38 1/2 @ 40 c. Wool in good demand and firm; domestic fleece 37 @ 38 c; pulled A 20 @ 33 c. Coffee—options opened barely steady and 5 points up to 10 down and closed firm and unchanged to 10 points up; January \$16 70 @ 16 70; March \$16 40 @ 16 50; May \$16 25 @ 16 35; July \$16 25; October \$16 20; spot Rio firm and more active; No. 7, 7 1/2 c. Sugar—raw firmer and dull; fair refining 8 1-16; refined quiet and steady; No. 6, 4 1/2 @ 4 1-16; No. 7, 4 1-16 @ 4 1/2 c; O A 4 1