

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

A Collapse in Wheat-Corn Weakened. Dual-Park Products Closed Lower. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The wheat market was in a condition of collapse today. The weakness was continuous from the start until the close and the last hour presented the most hopeless demoralization.

Provisions—Hogs were on the declining scale as regards sympathy this morning. The weakness of grain was likewise a consideration.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

At Memphis and at New York. Review of the Cotton Market. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

New York, December 4.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st.

The S. W. says: Spot cotton here declined 3/8c, with sales of 47 bales for spinning.

NEWS OF THE NAVY.

Movements of U. S. Navy. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Of Stocks, Receipts and Exports of Cotton. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

New York, Dec. 4.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending this date:

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

SHARKEY'S MANAGER

Demanded Payment of the Press Money. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

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THE MODERN MOTHER

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs.

INTERESTING STATISTICS

EMBODIED IN THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Report of the Public Domain—The Economic Section—The Interior—Bonds—Aided Railroad Corporations and Their Indebtedness to the Government—The Interior—Capital—Fishes.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—Secretary of the Interior David R. Francis has submitted his annual report to the President.

The appropriations under his department for the last fiscal year amounted to \$177,170,856.

The actual public domain is now 1,849,072,837 acres. The public lands still vacant amount to over 800,000 acres, not including Alaska.

The Secretary desires that the public lands should be given every encouragement and aid in the settlement of the future as in the past.

On the pension question he says that about 470,018 persons are drawing about \$140,000,000 per annum in pensions and that the branch of the service should be conducted with great care and discretion.

Concerning the bond-aided railways he says that the Secretary has recommended that an increase from \$9.00 to \$13.00 per month be granted to all survivors of the Mexican war who are now disabled and destitute.

The Secretary says, now occupy about 83,000,000 acres of land, and they should be protected from the sinister designs of unscrupulous speculators.

On January 1st, 1897, \$6,640,000 additional bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad will mature, and with interest on the same, amounting to \$11,951,000, will be due.

He refers to the fact that the act chartering the Nicaragua Canal Company requires the company to make a report on the first Monday in December of each year to the Secretary of the Interior.

The Secretary wants an extension of the building accommodations for this department. He says: "I earnestly recommend that Congress take immediate steps looking to the purchase or condemnation of a block of more or less ground adjacent to the building for the erection thereof of an appropriate character."

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WEYLER'S CAMPAIGN.

PEOPLE IN HAVANA IN THE DARK AS TO HIS MOVEMENTS.

Remorse Regarding Maceo—Reports of Unimportant Engagements with Insurgent Forces in Pinar del Rio and Havana Provinces.

HAVANA, December 4.—The people of Havana are still in the dark as to the movements of Gen. Weyler.

Remorse regarding Maceo are many, but little attention is paid to them. The only definite news from the province of Pinar del Rio is that the commands of Generals Melguizo and Locian have had encounters with the rebels.

The fight in the Gobernadora hills, mentioned in these dispatches last night, was between Gen. Locian's command and a band of rebels.

A party of rebels, who made an attack on Fort Razon, province of Santiago de Cuba, were repulsed.

The district court of Matanzas has given a decision in the case of Oscar Coedre, an American who was captured in the field and held as a prisoner of war in San Severino Castle, Matanzas.

FRIENDS OF CUBA.

An Association Formed in New York City to Aid Cuba in Efforts to Gain Independence.

New York, December 4.—A meeting was held last night at Grocers' Hall by the "American Friends of Cuba Association."

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THE NEXT CONGRESS.

Political Classification of Members-elect of the House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—The political classification of the members-elect of the Fifty-fifth Congress, made by the House of Representatives, is as follows:

STEAMER LAURADA

Again in Trouble Because of an Alleged Philanthropic Expedition to Cuba.

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The charterers of the vessel demand that she shall proceed according to the terms of her charter.

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BUSINESS SITUATION.

Very Little Change Noted—Wool Manufacturers Are Selling Better but Production Still Shows Demand.

New York, December 4.—R. G. Dun & Co. in their weekly review of trade, say: The classified failures for November show gratifying reduction compared with October.

The decision of failures to about 40 per cent of the September aggregate gives a strong ground for believing that business generally expressed.

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WARM WIRELETS.

Treasury balances: Coin, \$121,596,063; currency, \$45,618,465.

W. E. Dupre, Waco, Texas, dealer in hardware and implements, has filed a deed of trust.

Police Officer Edward Carr, of Washington, D. C., shot and killed Ludlow Shears, colored.

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FITZ-SHARKEY FIGHT

All the Talk in San Francisco—There Will be a Legal Battle For the Prize Money—Fitz and Sharkey.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—The Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight is being fought over and over again on every street corner of San Francisco to-day.

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