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WILMINGTON, N. C.

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FINANCIAL DEPENDENCE.

In some respects this is a great country, the greatest country in the world, and yet in other respects it is payers. in a condition of shameful dependency on other nations. We are not only dependent for many manufactured articles which we could and should manufacture ourselves and for natural and agricultural products which this country could probe. duce if the proper effort were made, but with all our boasted wealth we let other countries dictate our financial policies and are dependent upon them for the money with which we build and equip our railroads, estabperpetuated. lish steamship lines, improve our cities, open and operate mines and do sundry other things which require a large amount of money. Even our Government is at times dependent upon the assistance of foreign money-lenders for the money the old highways, a fact that no

to meet emergencies. State has yet, as far as we know, There is no more excuse for this caught onto, although there has been a good deal of talk on that line in a than there is for our buying abroad the things that we can make or pronumber of our State Legislatures. duce at home, nor as much, for no Under the law in this State counties country as rich and resourceful as this is, should be dependent upon any other country' for a dollar, and no country as rich and resourceful as this is, should be without its own financial policy. Financial independence is almost, if not quite as important as political independence. It might be disputed that a nation which much improved. Wake county emis financially dependent upon other ploys about thirty-five hands, under nations, is really politically indepenthe superintendence of Mr. W. C. Mcdent in the treatment of these ques-Mackin, supervisor of county roands. tions which most directly affect the In speaking of the advantage to the prosperity and happiness of its own farmer and others, but especially to people. The indebtedness due by the farmer, with a representative of our Government, by our railroads and the Raleigh Press and Visitor he-calls other enterprises to the money lendattention to some of the practical ers of other countries is estimated at benefits derived from good roads. \$5,000,000,000, one half the value of Referring to railroad freights he the railroads in the United States shows that it costs the farmer more and nearly one twelfth of our estito haul his produce to the railroad mated national wealth. The annual stations, an average distance, say, of interest on this amounts to about twelve miles, than it does to carry \$200,000,000 and that must be paid the same amount of freight four and paid in gold, paid in gold behundred miles by rail, and yet much cause our so-called statesmen were fault is found with the railroads for stupid or criminal enough to demon what is considered by some the high etize silver, and adopt the gold standard of the countries that we borrow money from. To pay this interest in gold takes at least \$400,000,000 of the earnings of the railroads and other debtors who owe it, for they have to buy the gold and pay the difference between the value of that and the currency with which they buy it. There are very few of our principal railroads which do not carry more or less indebtedness abroad, and some of them a very heavy indebtedness, so heavy that they have been swamped in the effort to carry it. This is what has put nearly one-half the railroad mileage of this country in the hands of receivers within the past five or six years, and what will put more of them in the hands of receivers and eventually in the hands of European bond holders if our present financial system be perpetuated. We ship to other countries annually the surplus products of our fields and millions of dollars worth of manufactures, and it takes more than the difference between the value of these and our imports to pay the annual interest on our debts to foreigners. The advocates and defenders of the monetary system which results in this tell us that there is modey enough in this country. If there is money enough why are we forced to go abroad to borrow? Why do we owe \$5,000,000,000 on the other side of the ocean? We go abroad to as she was and is: borrow money because interest charges are lower there than with us. This is proof that have not money enough, for if we had interest charges would be as low here as they are there, and there would be no occasion to go abroad to find ions, inspired by the same patriotic put "cheap" money. pose loving the country, jealous of its dignity and honor, ready to die or suffer Our \$62,000,000,000 of national or it always. It is in the South that the wealth ought to be equivaanguage, the ideas, and the practices of the American fathers find their most lent to that much banking capital and yet we have but about \$1,800,that anarchy and other foreign teachings 000,000 of currency, and less than of social agitation have received the leas one third of this passes as money encouragement. It is to the South that the country some day will have to look with our European creditors, and or the protection of our social and politthat is locked up and must be ical institutions. These people who prate about the "new South" are either talk bought when needed to pay foreign ing ignorantly or for their own aggran-dizement. The South was the home of debts or home debts that are payable by agreement in gold. How conservatism before the war. The South under the changed conditions is the nacan we prosper as a nation when our ion's citadel of conservatism still. The foreign creditors hold us in such a South's ideas and aspirations may no vice-like grip, and take so much of please Wall street at times, but should the Union ever be confronted by any genuine peril, either from abroad or our earnings to pay the debts we owe them ? rom within, there is not a county in any Can a railroad which has to earn Southern State but will give in her deence more pluck and backbone and de \$1,000,000 to pay a \$500,000 debt votion than the whole hagging swarm prosper? But this is precisely what out together, with all its connection brown in for good measure. "Believe us, it is the old South still the railroad has to do which borrows money and agrees to pay it back in and the day may come when every civi-lized citizen of the United States with gold and to pay the interest in gold. Anglo-Sazon blood in his veins and the love of enlightened free institutions in and it is precisely what every railroad and other enterprise is doing his heart will be glad that it has changed which borrows money and obligates in nothing. itself to pay in gold. It obligates itself to pay in a coin that must be

England, the creditor nation of the with 186 miles, Louisiana coming world, which has made her wealth, second with 154 miles. Out of the or rather the wealth of her wealthy 1,802 miles the Southern States get (for the masses of her people are 550. North Carolina shows up with poor enough) by lending money on 40.50 miles. But there were a good her own terms to more needy and many States that had less than this, less thrifty nations, and when she some very little more, and some got them in her debt being sbrewd none at all. Of course we cannot enough to influence them to adopt expect a very large construction her monetary system. In that way now in the country at large to comshe has made the nations of the earth pare with the years of great activity tribute-payers to her and this counten years ago and previously, for many of the States have all the rail try one of the greatest of tributeroad facilities for which they can Opinions may differ as to what may find profitable use. The seats of

be the best monetary system, but activity in the future will be in the however they may differ as to this, younger States of the West and in no nation can be permanently prosthe South, neither of which has as perous which lets another nation much railway as it needs. The say what its monetary system shall South needs much more, and when We have paid the penalty of the building era begins this will be that in business adversity and in a the section of the greatest activity. foreign indebtedness the proportions CURRENT COMMENT. of which are amazing, and will increase rather than diminish if the -A prominent Chicago merpresent rainous monetary system be chant states that, if he were begin-

ning his career over again, he would make climate a prime factor. He evidently thinks that the young men MINOR MENTION. of the West, seeking success, should

The STAR contends that the best go southward .- Augusta Chronicle, use to which State convicts can be put is in making new and improving

- Another bank failure yesterday. Fifteen or more banks have failed within a month. Gold fake papers before the election intimida-ted voters by threatening the prostration of every bank in the United States if Mr. Bryan was elected .--Indianapolis Sentinel, Dem.

---- We can always find clews to complying with the conditions which the coming good times in the optiwish to avail themselves of the mistic predictions of Henry Clews, privilege, can work their short-time. who never is, but always to be convicts on the county roads. blessed. This man can find more unsatisfactory conditions in the Several counties have taken advantpresent hour, and brighter prospects age of this, among them Mecklenin the future, than any of the other burg, Wake and Forsyth, in each of disaster bemoaning rainbow chasers which the roads have been very of the times .- Washington Times, Dem.

> ---- So many persons have been poisoned by canned food of late that it is a question whether the use of tin for this purpose should not be prohibited. Among the rest twenty five cavalrymen at West Point suffered the other day from eating canned head cheese. Could such a thing happen if the goods were packed in glass or stone jars and hermetically sealed ? - Brooklyn Citisen, Dem.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. Daniel Sifford dropped dead Saturday morning in Abernathy's store, at Stanley Creek. He was about 60 years old - Lincoln Democrat: On Wednesdny morning about 10 o'clock Mr. seph jetton was missing from

TWINKLINGS. - Dombey-When your wife gets ngry won't she speak to you? She won't do anything Cottle lse.-Tii Bits. - His Poignant Grief: What on

eath are you howling so hard about, Freddy ? "Diddy whipped me." Well, what if he did? You've been whipped-before and the occasion doesn't

call for such heartrending grief. "But he w-w-w-whipped me with a s-swirch cut from the Christmas tree." Truth.

-Tommie-I've got \$8 in my Mr Freshman-Indeed, Where ou get it all ? Tommie-Every time sister Lil gets a new beau he gives me ten cents to stay cut of the parlor. Now Tommie has got \$8.10 bank.-Puck

- First Motorman-I believe I vill buy a bicycle and lears to ride it. Second Motorman-Nonsense, You will not be able to run into wagons on a

First Motorman-I know that, but people who are walking will not be able to get out of my way by getting off the track - New York World:

- 'How many men did we kill in that last battle?" asked Weyler. "You said 8,000," replied his secretary. The General thought a moment; then be said: "Well, that's a good round round number. Let it go at that!"-Atlanta Constitution

- "No, there is one thing, my daughter is not being married for her money. I have made inquiries and find that her intended is not only free from debt, but that he's had excellent expecception. But the 25th of March, or the An-

"What on earth is he marrying her for, then?"-Judge.

- Tommie Tompkins-Pa, was Senator Duckworth, who died the other dav. a politician or a statesman? Tompkins-Nobody knows yet, my on; his real estate hasn't been appraised

-Truth - "I don't see the use of puttin" Mamie in short pants," said Mamie's brother scornfully the third day after she had appeared in her new bloomers. "Willie!" exclaimed Mamie sharply. "Well, I don't care," retorted Willie

Now you've got 'em you can't climb tree an' you know you can't, so what's the use of puttin' up a bluff that you're boy?'-Omaha Bee.

USES OF COLLEGE TRAINING.

Not to Make Experts, but to Fit Men Fo Large, Intelligent Work.

"It is not entirely safe to claim that every kind of success, even of legitimate success, will be promoted by a college training," writes Rev. Charles H. Park hurst, D. D., in The Ladies' Home Jour nal. "If I had a boy for whom it was my supreme ambition that he should be come rich, I should not send him to col lege. So far from helping his prospect in that direction it would probably dam

age them. Money making is a trick. The easy acquisition of it is a knack. It involves the condensation of interes and faculty along a particular line, and that a narrow line. There is nothing to hinder a very small man from being a

LADY DAY OF MARCH.

IMPORTANT IN BOTH SECULAR AND RELIGIOUS CALENDARS.

Why the 25th of March Is Venerated In England-What Happens if It Falls on Easter-Secularly Considered It Is the Beginning of One of the Year's Quarters.

The 25th of March is an important ate both in the secular and religious calendars. It is the first quarter day in the year and as such comes home to

But it is, of course, as one of the great festivals dedicated to the Virgin (as its name, Lady day, or the old term, Our Lady's day, implies) that it has most importance, being the anniversary of the day when the angel Gabriel annonneed to the Virgin the mystery of the incarnation. Four other dates in the calendar share the honor of this title-namely, Feb. 2, or the Purification; July 2, or the Visitation, to commen orate the visit paid by the Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth (instituted by Pope Urban VI in 1383); Sept. 8, or the Nativity, and Dec. 8, or the Con-

nunciation, is most regarded, as it is the anniversary, according to St. Augustine, of the great event to which it owes its origin, and the institution o this festival dates from very early times, since St. Athanasius makes mention of it in one of his sermons. An order of the Patriarch Nicephorus having given permission to break the fast of Lent if the Annunciation happened to fall on the Thursday or Friday of Holy week, a council convened at Toledo in 656 to preserve the complete observance of Lent and ordered the transference of the holiday to the week preceding Christmas. Some of the eastern churches still follow this decree, but the Syrians have fixed it on Dec. 1 and the Armenians on the 5th of January, while in the Latin church it has resumed its old place in the ecclesiastical calendar. In the western church, if it should fall in the Easter fortnight, its celebration is postponed until the second Monday fol-

Lady day of March has always been very highly observed in England. The synod of Worcester, 1240 A. D., by one of its canons forbade all servile work upon it, and this was afterward confirmed by various provincial and diocesan councils in all respects except agricultural labor.

In Rome, in the early part of the cen tury, the day used to be celebrated with great pomp and splendor. We read that the windows were hung with crimson and yellow silk draperies and occupied by females in most gorgeous attire, while the churches were patrolled by 's horse guards in their



ident Issac Lewis of Sahina, Ohio is highly respected all through that section. He has lived in Clinton Co. 15 years, and has been president of the Sabina Bank 20 years. He gladly testifies to the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and what he says is worthy attention. All brain workers find Hood's Sarsaparilla peculiarly adapted to their needs. It makes pure, rich, red blo d, and from this comes nerve, mental, bodily and digestive strength "I am glad to say that Hood's Sarsaparilla is a very good medicine, especially as a blood purifier. It has done me good many times. For several years I suffered greatly with pains of

Neuralgia in one eye and about my temples,

pecially at night when I had been having hard day of physics and mental labor. I took many remedies, bu. 'tound help only in Hood's Sarsaparilla which cured me of rheumatism, neuralgia and headache. Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved itself a true friend. I also take Hood's Pills to keep my bowels regular, and like the pill very much." ISAAC LEWIS, Sabina, Ohio.



Hood's Pills easy in effect. 25 cents.



COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

6 Vice net receipts 2.673 bales; New Orieans, quiet at 6 11-16, net receipts 12 953 bales; Mobile, quiet at 6 9 16. net receipts 1 668 bales; Memphis, steady at 6 11-16, net receipts 2 057 bales; Augusta, quiet at 6%, net receipts 685 bales; Charleston, steady at 6%, net re-STAR OFFICE, December 29. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market Coupts 955 bales. firm at 24% cents per gailon for ma-chine-made casks, and 23% cents for country casks.

ROSIN-Market firm at \$1 45 per bbl for Strained and \$1 50 for Good TAR,-Marken quiet at \$1 00 per bbl of \$80 fbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE. - Dull. Hard 1.40. Yellow Dip 1.90, and Virgin 1.80 per barrel. Quotations same day last year-Spirit

turpentine \$56,27%c; rosin, strained, \$1 85; good strained \$1 40; tar \$0 95; 64d: December and January 8 55 641: January and February 8 54 61d; Febru crude turpentine 1 10, 1 40, 1 80.

| RECEIPTS. | ary and March 8 54-64d; March and April 8 54-64d, April and May 8 54 64 |
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| Spirits Turpentine | 8 56 64d; Jupe and July 8 56 64d, July and August 8 57.64d. Futures quiet |
| 119 bble tor 49 bble crude turgenting | 1 103 lower. American middling fair |

linary 8 23 831; ordinary 8 17 381. COTTON. 4 P. M.-December 8 57 64 48 58 644 Market quiet on a basis of 6 9 16c for seller; December and January 3 55-64@ 56-64d buver; January and February middling. Quotetions: Good Ordinary...... 5 9-16 " " 8 54 64@8 55-64d value: February and March 8 54-64@3 55 84d value; March Low Middling...... 6 3-16 Middling 6 9-16 Good Middling...... 6% and April 3 54 64@3 55 64d buyer: April and May 8 55 64 3 56 64d seller: May and June 3 56 64d buyer; Jone and July 8 56 64@3 57 64d buyer: July and Au. Same day last year, middling 7%c.

gust 8 57 64@3 57 64d; August and Sep-Receipts-606 bales; same day last tember 8 56 ofd Fu ures closed steady. COUNTRY PRODUCE. MARINE.

PEANUTS-North Carolina-Prime, 0050c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia-Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c. Stmr Frank Sessoms, Williams, Clear CORN-Firm: 88 to 40 cents per Run, Jas Madden. Steamer E A Hawes, Ward, Clear

rear. 297.

ROUGH RICE-65@70 cents pe Run, Jas Madden. bushel. N. C. BACON-Steady; Hams,

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Tesegraph to the Morning Star

FINANCIAL.

Commercial bills 488%@488. Govern-

ment bonds homer; Uatted States cou-

pon fours 111%; United States twos 95%;

State bouds dull; North Carolina fours

102; North Carolina sizes 122. Rail

COMMERCIAL

Cotton steady; middling 7 11 16c.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day

NEW YORK, December 29 Evening .-

Cotton futures closed fi u at quota-

road bonds higher.

was neglected.

CLEARED. Steamer E A Hawes, Ward, Clear to 1114c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c ur. Jas Madden

6 7-16, net receipts 2 672 bales; New

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star

Cotton, domand fair and prices casier.

American middling 4 18-88d. Sales

19 000 bales, of which 11.100 were

American: speculation and export 1 000

Receipts .92 000 bales, of which 88 300

were American. Fatures opened quist

and demand moderate. December 8 57-

ARRIVED.

LIVEFPOOL Dec. 29-13 30 P.M.-

Sides, 7 to 8c Simr Frank Sessoms, Williams, Clear SHINGLES-Per thousand, five inch. Ruo, Jas Madden. bearts and saps, \$1.60 to 2.25; six inch, Schr Mary A Hall, Haskell, Unico \$2.50 to 3.50; seven inch; \$5.50 to 6.50. Island, Ga, Gao Harriss, Son & Co. TIMBER-Market steady at \$3,00 to Schr C C Lister, Robinson, New York, 7.50 per M.

Geo Harriss, Son & Co; cargo by Cape Fear Lumber Co.

Harriss, Son & Co.

EXPORTS. COASTWISE.

NEW YORK. December 29-Evening .-NEW YORK-Schr C C Lister-823. Money on call to-day was easy at 2 708 leet lumber. per cent; last loan at 2 per cent, closing offered at 9 per cent. Prime MARINE DIRECTORY. mercantile paper 8%@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was weak, with actual List of Vessels in the Port of Wilbasiness in bankers bills 483% @484 for mington, N. C., Dec. \$0, 1896. sinty days and 4861 & @486 for demand.

SCHOONERS. Dannenhower, 217 tons, Johnson, Geo Harriss, Son & Co. W C Wickham. 816 tons, Ervan, Gto

Harriss, Son & Co. Ita C Schoolcraft 306 tons, Booye, Geo Harit's S n & Co. Morancy, 160 tons. Torrey, J T Riley &

Co. Lucia Porter, 888 tons, Farrow, ----Mabel Darling (B), 113 tons, Roberts

STEAMSHIPS.

BARQUES.

Croniv & Morris. Jacob S Wirslow, 865 tons, Henley, Geo Harriss, Son &

lowing the festival.

most of us who have before our eyes the fear of payment of rent or the rarer sure of receiving it. The pay days n England have been arbitrarily fixed on Lady day, Midsummer day, Michaelmas day and Christmas day. Why? No body has been able to explain, unless it be that, arriving, as they do, near th end of each quarter, such important days are better as reminders of our duty to our landlord than any ordinary 30th or 81st of the month would be likely to

arges for transportation. WV 1CD home, and upon inquiry and investigood hard roads he maintains that gation he was found in his barn the transportation to the stations dead. He was about 76 years old. which over bad roads costs the He died of heart disease. farmer thirty cents a ton could with - Morganton Herald: A Berkgood roads be done with one fourth shire hog weighing 654 pounds, of that, without taking into congross, was killed at the State hospital on the 16th inst. The net sideration the lightening of work weight was 606 pounds. This is the on men and draft animals and largest porker so far reperted to us. the wear and tear on wagons. There Mr. Charles M. Huffman, of Lower are other advantages, reaped both by Fork township, killed a hog on the 19th inst. which netted 477 pounds country and town, to which Mr. Mcat 14 months old Mackin calls attention, and others to which he does not allude, one of -Oxford Ledger: Lemuel Sullivan, prosperous farmer of Wilson which is the enhanced value given to county, had been to town Tuesday land along these roads. He shows and was on his way home when he also that with the labor-saving mastruck his horse which was very fiery, chinery now available, the cost of whereupon she began to furiously kick. Mr. Sullivan was knocked macadamizing roads has been refrom his vehicle, and lay senseless duced from \$6,000 and \$10,000 to until found by some neighbors a \$1,000 a mile, and where convict short time afterwards. He died in a labor is employed to \$750. With few hours. this showing of cost, there is no - Franklin Press : We are told that a very rough looking specimen good reason why any county which

erfect preservation. It is in the South

According to the Chicago Railway

can command convict labor, or any of humanity has been camping along the range of the Nantahala moun-State, should not have good roads. tains for several weeks past, ranging ** from the head of Burningtown to the bead waters of Coweta. He has an The Richmond Dispatch recently old frying pan and an ax, and lives commended the utterance of Col. on what he can pick up in the way of Richard Malcolm Johnston, when at corn and meat. Nobody knows his the Christmas banquet of the New name, where he came from, nor what

England Society of New York, he his object is for living wild in the mountains. said in response to a toast to the South, "The South, I do not say the - Warrenton Record: Mr. Plum mer W. Green quietly passed away new South; it is the old South conlast Tuesday afternoon, at his resi tinuing fond of her traditions and dence in Warrenton, surrounded by ashamed of no part of her history." his devoted daughter, sister and In commenting upon this the Washbrother and friends. Mr. Green was ington Post pays the following clever blind. Has been blind for many years, caused by injuries received in and truthful tribute to the old South the late civil war, through which he served as gallant a soldier as was in

"The Post has always been impatien Lee's army. Mr. Green, though totally blind, knew his friends reof this silly gabble about the new South. There is no such thing. The expression markably well by their voices, and s never used save by politicians or notohe was a most delightful companion. icty seekers or beardless youths who knew not the thing they speak of as hav-QUARTERLY MEETINGS. ing vanished. It is the same old South, cherishing the same old patriotic tradi-

27. 28.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annua Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington Dis trict, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows: Wilmington, Fifth Street church, Jan uary 2, 3. Wilmington, Grace church, January

Southport, January 16, 17. Scott's Hill circuit, at Scott's Hill, anuary 23, 24. Wilmington, at Market Street, Janlary 81. Wilmington, Bladen Street (aight),

January 81. Burgaw circuit, at Rocky Point, February 6, 7 Clinton circuit, at Keeners, February 18 14. Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21. Enzabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown Feb uary 27. 28.

Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April

Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7. Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek March 18, 14. Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28. Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 80

very wealthy one. Shrewdness does not imply a bigmindedness. I might say with a good deal of assurance that it implies the contrary. And shrewdness has more than anything else to do with the acquisition of gain. "There are a great many things that

can be best done by the man who does not know too much. cr. at least, by the man whose intelligence is concentrate at a single point or along a single line. The mechanic who has come to be known among ns as 'the wizard' would perhaps, have been more of a man if he had gone to Harvard, but it would probably have spoiled him as a 'wizard. Genius is presumably always a species of mania, and liable, therefore, to be come something very ordinary if successfully subjected to the processes o the asylum. They had better be kept away from college if the design is to make them experts. College will be able to give them a character of 'all roundness,' but a knife cannot be round and sharp at the same time; neither can a boy.

"If we are going to do large, intelligent work, the prime condition is the possession of an intellect trained and stocked in the same general and comprehensive way. College training is simply the process of intellectually getting ready, not getting ready for this, that or the other specific mental service, but simply getting ready - planting down a broad foundation of preliminary big enough to support any breadth or height of superstructure that there may be need or opportunity to put upon it. The college course and the requisite preparatory training cost about seven years of the best and most possible period of a man's life. But if a young ma hopes to do a large, solid work in the world, a work in which intelligence of a broad kind is to play any considerable part, and there is no antecedent obsta cle in the way, he makes an irrevers ble mistake if he considers seven years too much to pay for a liberal education.

His Liberal Reward.

The champion mean man up town seems to be a young man who recently advertised in the papers offering a "lib eral" reward for the return of a pocketbook containing \$30 in cash and some valuable papers. Two young men found the pocketbook in Norristown and called at the loser's house to return it. He handed one of them 50 cents. The finders protested, saying that it had cost them 65 cents to come down from Norristown, and that they hadn't enough money to get home again. The fortunate owner of the pocketbook dismissed them with the remark that he couldn't help that -Philadelphia Record.

A Hot One. "Smith got off a bright thing the oth er day." "What was it?" "A lighted eigar some one had care-

essly dropped into the chair he sat on.' -Detroit Free Press. <u>፟፟</u>ቝቝ፟፟፟ቝቝቝቝቝቝቝቝቝ



did full dress uniforms, all of whom wore in their caps a sprig of myrtle as a sign of rejoicing. Before the service a procession appeared, preceded by another detachment of the guards mounted on black chargers, who rode forward to clear the way to the sound of trumpet and the beating of drums. This martial array was followed by a bareheaded priest on a white mule, bearing the host in a gold cup, at the sight of which everybody prostrated himself. The pope used formerly to ride on the white mul himself, and all the cardinals used to follow him in their magnificent robes of state, but as the eminentissimi wer for the most part not very eminent horsemen they were generally fastene

on lest they should tumble off. It is not to be supposed that in this ountry the day would be without its tradition or superstition, so we find that it was considered a public misfortune if Lady day fell on Easter day, and the medizval couplet runs:

When our Lady falls in our Lord's lap, Then England beware of great mishap. No less than 18 saints figure in the alendar on this day. Of these two were ladies-St. Dula and St. Ida; one Irishman, St. Cammin, abbot of Iniskeltra, and two Englishmen, St. Alfwolf, hishop of Sherborne, and St. William, the child martyr, of Norwich. In The Calendar of the Anglican Church we find a statement showing how great in ancient times was the veneration for the Virgin in this country. Published in 1851, the book states that no fewer than 2,120 churches were named in her honor alone, besides 102 where she was associated with some other saint. On the authority of the same work, pictorially the Virgin is nearly always shown kneeling or seated at a table reading.

Of the great masters of all countrie and ages whose genius has been lavished on this theme it will be sufficient to mention the brothers Van Eyck, Lochner of Cologne, Albert Duerer, Andrea del Sarto, Vasari, Louis and Annibal Carracci, Guido, Charles de la Fosse, Lesueur and Murillo. In connection with the day it is per-

missible, perhaps, to conclude with a "chestnut" that owes its origin to the postoffice. It is said that a few years a go a country gentleman wrote a letter to a lady of rank in town and sent it through the post with the following address: "To the 25th of March, Duke street, London." The postman is said to have delivered it at the house of Lady Day, for whom it was intended -Pall Mall Gazette.

Where the Bee Works.

Properly considéred, a beehive is wonderful shop, and each individual insect is a curiosity. The inhabitants of a hive are classed as drones, workers and queens. The queen is the mother of every insect in the hive unless she has been installed instead of a queer who had died and left the hive without a mistress. The queen bee is the wonder of the whole insect tribe as far as egg laying is concerned, often depositing 4,000 eggs a day for days in succession during the most productive season. The chief wonder connected with the worker bee is the admirable manner in which his body is shaped and fitted with in-struments for honey gathering. These natural instruments consist of cups, combs, brushes, knives, funnels, scrapers, etc., each of which is worthy of a week of careful and painstaking study under a high grade microscope.-Ohicago Chronicle.

Maud's Presence of Mind.

Minnie - Did you hear of Mand Edith's wonderful presence of mind? Mamie-Dear me, no. What was the occasion?

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riss. Son & Co. -net recepts 890 bales; gross Victory (Br). 181 tons, Monro, Geo Har-14.978 bales; exports to Great Britan riss, Son & Co - bales: to France - bales; to 'e Continent 897 bales; forwarded Winnegance 251 tors, Marson Geo Harriss, Son & Co. u,? 34 bales; sales 1 881 bales; sales to

Cora M. 186 tons, Mitchell. Geo Harriss, spinners - bales; stock 808,844 bales. Total to-day-Net receipts 85 011 Son & Co. Acara, 185 tons, Nash, Geo Harriss, Son bales; exports to Great Britain 14.759 & Co. bales; to France --- bales; to the Con Eva A Danenhower, 217 tons, Johnson, lineat 18 437 bales: stock 1,844,691 bales Total so far this week-Net receipts

Geo Harriss. Son & Co. Bertha H. 124 tons, LeCain, J T Riley & 97 958 bales; exports to Great Britain Co. 28,128 bales; to France 8,280 bales; to the Continent 84,529 bales. Mcorby (B). 1.673 tons, Lawrie, Alex

Total since September 1-Net receipts 4,795,699 bales: exports to Great Britain Sprunt & Son. Graffoe (Br). 1 988 tors. Penniwell, Alex 1.789,857 bales; exports to France 397,361 bales; exports to the Continent 1.041.183 Sprunt & Son. bales.

firm; options quiet, firm and unchanged;

December 22c; January 22 4c; May 24 4;

firmer; Western steam \$4 05; city \$3 6314; December \$4 05, nominal; re-

Western fresh 18@20c; do. per case -

Southern 17@19%c. Cotton seed oil duil but steady, crude 20c; yellow prime

93@13%. Rice firm, in fair demand at d

unchanged. Molasses quiet and un-

changed. Peanute quiet; fancy hand picked 3% @4c. Coffee quiet; 10 points

down to 15 up; Decem er \$9 60; January \$9 70@9 80; March \$9 75@9 85; May

19 75@9 85: July \$9 85@9 90; Septem

ber \$9 85@10 00rspot Rio firm and quiet;

No. 7 810 18% @10 25. Sugar-ray

quiet and steady; lair refining \$ 18 16:

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- Cash quotations

Flour was quiet and firm at prices: hard wheat spring patents \$4 2004 50 in

wood, soit wheat patents \$4 00@4 15,

hard wheat bakers' \$3 00@3 80 10 sacks. solt wheat bakers' \$8 00@8 20: winter

wheat \$4 30@4 50 in word. Wheat-

No. 2 spring 78% @80% c: No. 2 red 90% @98c. Corn-No. 2 23% @28c. Oate-No. 2 17c. Mess pork, \$6 65@6 70. Lard, \$8 73% @3 75. Short rib sides

The leading futures ranged as follow

refined dull and unchanged.

Whiskey \$1 18.

points

Flour-market quiet and unchanged; Rosa (Ital), 852 tons, Schffino, J T Riley Southern flour was dull but steady; & Co. common to fair extra \$8 00@8 55; good to choice \$3 55@3 85. Wheat-spot dull and firmer with options; free on

SEASONABLE GOODS board \$1 01%; ungraded red 80c@\$1 02; options fairly active and firm at 1%@ %c advance; No. 9 red December 9216; January 91%;; March 9816; May Jute Bagging, 89%c. Corn-spot dull and firm: No 8 29%@80c at elevator and 80%@31c afloat; options were dull and firm at 14 @%c advance; December 29%c; January 29%c May 81%c. Oats-spot dull but

Arrow Ties, Cheese, Crackers, Cakes, Sal-

spot-No. 2, 22%c; No. 2 white 25%c; mixed Western 28@24c. Lard quiet and mon, Sardines, Oysters,

fined dull; Continent \$4 85; South America \$4 65, compound \$4 3714 04 50. Full and complete stock of Pork was steady and quiet: new mess \$8 25@8 75, Butter quiet; barely steady; HEAVY AND FANCY GROCERIES. State datry 10@18c; do. creamery 14@81 Western creamer 14@22c; Elgins 22c LOWEST CASH PRICES. Eggs lower, with liberal supply, State and Don t fail to see us before buying Pennsylvania 20@22; ice house 107017c:

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