

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

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THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24.

EXTRAORDINARY ACTIVITY IN IRON AND STEEL.

The great demand for iron and steel in this country and throughout the world is unprecedented.

The entire inadequacy of furnaces to supply sufficient Bessemer pig iron for steel-making requirements is being further emphasized.

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before that agreed to pay an English firm for the same kind of goods. When the buyer in Africa stated that it was impossible to furnish a good article at the American price, but when the cargoes arrived the American iron was pronounced not only as good but better than the English iron.

But in addition to this there is an extraordinary home demand as shown by the activity in railway building and the orders for additional equipment by some of the roads now in operation, some of which are thus noted by the Railway Age:

"Michigan Central has received bids on 5000 cars. Atchafalaya will build at its own shops 600 box cars."

"Following this comes a long list of new locomotives ordered for a number of different roads. The pressure of work is now so great in some establishments in this city that the almost unheard of experiment of night work is being tried in the foundry of a large machine and tool works."

We are interested in this because of this demand for iron and steel continues the iron-producing States of the South must be largely benefited by it, especially in view of the fact that iron can be mined, and delivered from Southern furnaces cheaper than from any other furnaces in the country.

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SPRITS TURPENTINE.

—Goldboro Argus: Nearly all the barker ponies were drowned in the recent terrible storm on the coast.

—Winston Journal: About seventy-five negroes, men and women, left on the N. & W. road this morning for Pochonotas, Va.

—Greenboro Telegram: Mr. Bohannon of Hickory is interested with Messrs. Odell, of Concord, and B. N. Duke, of Durham.

MONEY IN POULTRY.

We read much about our great crops of wheat, cotton, corn, their value, &c., and little of the poultry business which amounts to more in dollars than either wheat, cotton, or corn, and it goes right along all the time without much fuss or feathers.

Earnings of Poultry: \$290,000,000. Value of cotton crop, \$287,184,640. Value of wheat crop, \$187,938,963. Value of rice crop, \$163,658,068. Value of potato crop, \$78,898,301. Value of tobacco crop, \$35,574,290.

This is the value in money of the eggs, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, &c., marketed, as gathered from reports considered reliable and does not include what was consumed on the farms, which would add very materially to the aggregate.

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It is not best to economize too much in purchasing seeds. The higher priced strains of white cauliflowers, where the type has become established by careful selection for several years, are more reliable in heading, and the whiter the heads the better they will sell in the market.

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A RUSH TO VICTORY. Colonel Roosevelt Tells of His Order to Charge Up Kettle Hill.

I spoke to the captain in command of the rear platoons, saying that I had been ordered to support the regulars in the attack upon the hills and that in my judgment we could not take these hills by firing at them and that we must rush them.

Naturally the captain hesitated to obey this order when no word had been received from his own column. So I said, "Then let my men follow, sir," and rode on through the lines, followed by the grinning rough riders, whose attention had been wholly taken off the Spanish bullets, partly by my dialogue with the regulars and partly by themselves as I got the lines forward, for I had been making some noise and swearing at others, the agencies of the case seemed to demand.

When we started to go through, however, it proved too much for the regulars and they jumped up and came along the other side, their rifles pointed with mine, all being delighted at the chance. When I got to where the head of the left wing of the Ninth was lying, through the courtesy of Lieutenant Hartwick, two of those colored soldiers threw down the fence, I was enabled to get back into the lane, at the same time waving my hat and giving the order to charge the hill on our right front.

Out of my sight, over on the right, Captains McClain and Taylor of the Ninth made up their minds independently to charge at just about this time, and at almost the same moment Colonel Carroll and Hamilton, who were off, I believe, to my left, where we could see neither their nor their men, gave the order to advance. But of all this I knew nothing at the time. The whole line of our waiting and eager troops closed with the enemy, and it seems that different parts slipped the leash at almost the same moment.

Statesman Keppes at San Francisco. Winfield S. Keppes, a son of the late General Keyes, and a mining engineer of San Francisco, has just recovered from a peculiar case of poisoning. Several weeks ago he was in Mexico examining some mining properties.

A Rural New Yorker correspondent offers what he evidently finds a pretty good plan for a silo door: Ours is beveled and about 17 by 24 inches. I bored 1 1/2 in. 1 1/2 in. 2 1/2 in. 1 1/2 in.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally in making up. The quotations are given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

FASTENING A SILO DOOR. A 6-16 inch hole in the center, drove a three-eighths of an inch bolt from inside, put a 5 by 21 inch hard wood strip in the center, on the bolt, then put on nut. When the door is being placed, let the strip be lengthwise of the door; then, when placed crosswise, screw up the nut. No injury will result to the door from nailing, and no injury to the cows from nails dropped in the ensilage.

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COMMERCIAL. WILMINGTON MARKET. STAR OFFICE, AUG. 23. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market quiet at 65c per gallon for machine made casts and 46c cents per gallon for country casts.

PRODUCE MARKETS. NEW YORK, August 23.—Flour was steady in tone, with a fair inquiry for spring patent, old asking quotations; winter straight, No. 2 and 73c; options opened strong at 74c and closed at 74 1/2c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

New York, August 23.—Money on call being at 2 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 to 5 per cent. Sterling exchange firm; actual business in exchange on New York Central 150 1/2; gold and 488 1/2 to 490 1/2 for sixty days.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

NEW YORK, August 23.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine quiet at 60 1/2. BALTIMORE, August 23.—Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat firm. Spot and month 73 1/2c; September 72 1/2c.

COTTON MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, August 23.—Cotton—Spot in limited demand. American middling fair, 4 1/4; good middling 3 3/4; middling 3 1/4; low middling 3 1/8; good ordinary 2 3/4; ordinary 2 1/8 1/2.

MARINE.

CLEARED. Stmr Seabright, Sanders, Shallotte and Little River, S. C. Stone, Rouck & Co. Stmr A. P. Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, James Masten.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 21, 1899. STEAMSHIPS. Sapphire (R), 1,884 tons, Tonkin, S. Peschau & Co. SCHOONERS. Nellie Floyd, 435 tons, Nelson, Healy & Co.