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The Morning Star. BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 19, 1899

WILMINGTON. N. C.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

What appear sometimes to be afflictions to people turn out to be blessings, and it sometimes happens that these apparent afflictions are necessary to teach people what to do and how to do it. It is trials that put them on their resources and bring out what their is in them. If everything went well and smoothly the average man would plod along contentedly and progress would be very slow. The average man is of the go-easy disposition and it takes prodding to make him hustle. We are writing now about the farmer in particular, and how apparent afflictions may turn out to be blessings in disguise to him and to the country or section of country in which In one section of Minnesota the

farmers had for years been putting their main dependence upon wheat, which was their staple crop. Most of them were in debt and their debts grew larger instead of smaller. With crop failures and low prices when the crops didn't fail, their condition grew worse from year to year, and they saw no way to better it, for they made nothing on what they raised, and nobody wanted to buy farms on which nothing could be made. As an experiment some of them who had become desperate decided to abandon wheat growing, and try grass and milk and butter. They formed an association, sowed grass, gave their cows attention and established a creamery. They found a market for all the butter and milk they had to sell, they fed pigs on the buttermilk, and in a short time they pulled out of the mire and breathed easy. Their neighbors followed their example. The creamery became an object lesson and in a few years the creameries became numer ous, the cows multiplied and improved in quality, and throughout a large section only wheat enough was grown to bread the people. Grass became king, the creamery a mint. The bankrupts became prosperous and land that couldn't be given away is now worth hundreds of dollars an acre. The apparent affliction of bad wheat crops and low prices was their blessing in disguise.

Some years ago a number of Canadian farmers went into the Kalamazoo district of Michigan, where they thought they could do well cultivating cranberries on the swampy lands. They planted, but frost or something else destroyed their crops, and nearly all of them. discouraged, went back to Canada. But one or two of them, who were not so easily demoralized, concluded they would try celery-growing, as the land seemed adapted to that. They ditched and drained, planted their crops, and when ready for market they found no trouble in selling all they could raise at prices that paid them well for all the labor done and expense they had incurred. Now there are great celery farms in that section and the celery grown there is shipped all over the country. Men have become rich growing it and all who grow it are prosperous. The failure of the cranberry crop was an affliction which turned out to be a blessing. These are but two illustrations showing how adversity

led the way to prosperity. And so has the low price of cotton for some years, until the present. been a blessing in disguise not only to the farmers of the South but to the whole South, for it put the farmers to thinking about something else than cotton and to raising something else. It put them to planting other crops, wheat, corn, oats, grass, vegetables, fruits, &c., more than they had been doing for many years. It put them to raising more hogs and cattle, in other words it led up to diversified farming, which is the right road to agricultural pros-

perity, and thorough independence. Many of them had doubts whether they could successfully raise wheat, and found to their surprise that

they could grow better wheat than s grown in some of the wheat-growing sections of the West, and as cheaply if not more cheaply than it can be produced there. They found, too, that where they could grow wheat they could grow grass, and that they had more feed for cattle, and thus they profited in more ways than one. If wheat culture continues to increase for the next ten years as it has for the past ten, the South will before many years become an exporter of wheat and flour instead of an importer. As wheat growing becomes more general so will cattle-raising become more general, and so will the dairy and the creamery, for wheat growing and cattleraising nearly always go together. Grass growing becomes a necessity in a wheat growing country, for grass is wheat's rester and the recuperator of the soil which had been weakened by feeding wheat. Thus cotton that did not pay, led to wheat and other crops and to cattle, which do pay and will pay better with the improved methods that ex-

rent affliction prove a blessing. But that's not all, for the low price of cotton was a potent factor in turning attention to the cotton mills, which now not only give the farmers a home market for 1,500,-000 bales, but give a market for scores of things they never thought of growing, and which it would have been useless to have grown before. That the low-price affliction was a blessing in disguise, becomes every day more apparent throughout the

perience will teach, and the appa-

A FOOL PLAY.

When Messrs. Grosvenor, Dalzell and Dolliver put up that little job in the House of Representatives Saturday to make it appear that because no Democrat had offered a 16 to 1 amendment to the currency bill they had abandoned the silver issue, they doubtless thought they were doing a smart thing, but they were playing a fool game, all the same. There isn't a Democrat in the House that didn't know that if such an amendment had been offered it wouldn't receive serious consideration and would stand no more chance of being adopted than an amendment to repeal the Dingley tari would. There are some Democrats in the House who do not set a very high value on time, and do a good deal of talking for buncombe, but when it comes to measures connected with the party policy these men are not permitted to go to the front and speak for the party.

When the Republicans played this game they were playing politics, too. n which they are much more conerned than they are in a currency oill. They thought they were makng some political capital by calling the attention of the country to the fact that no 16 to 1 amendment had been offered and construing that as an evidence that the silver issue had been abandoned.

But that is their habit. They ing politics into everything, whether there be any politics in it or not, and claim credit for ever success achieved in peace or in war regardless of the part that Democrats may have taken in securing success. With them it is party first, other things next.

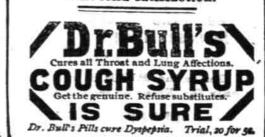
WALKING INTO TRAPS. It is somewhat remarkable that in

the reverses the British armies have met with in South Africa, the generals have confessed that they were trapped by the Boers. White was trapped when he made his first sortie from Ladysmith; Gatacre was trapped when he met with his de feat; Mathuen was trapped when he was confronted by unexpected numbers and had to retreat, and, last Gen. Buller, the man who boasted that he would wind up the business in sixty days, and eat his Christmas dinner in Pretoria, was trapped, and lost more men than any of the others.

The British soldiers have shown their fighting qualities, but their commanders have shown an amazing talent for sending them into traps, where they are suddenly confronted. not by rude, naked savages, but by sturdy men of Spartan pluck, who are in every way their equals, and as deadly shots, their superiors.

It is an easy thing in that country with its broken, rugged surface, and the great boulders which nature has strewn over the earth, to fall into traps and to be suddenly confronted by large bodies of men hidden behind these boulders, and for that reason every movement necessitates extreme caution, and when this is neglected somebody is apt to pay the penalty and a very costly one, as the British have already discovered.

Lawyer Labori, who defended Dreyfus, got his revenge out of a Paper which intimated that he had himself shot to win smpathy. He sued the paper for libel, and the paper was sentenced to fine of 2,000 francs and was required to insert the verdict in forty papers in Paris and in two hundred published in other provinces, which made its advertising bill pretty large, and gave Labori some solid satisfaction.



MR. LENTZ MAKES SOME POINTS.

We are not a very ardent admirer of Mr. Lentz, of Ohio. He lacks ballast, and in his fervor is given to saving things that it were better left unsaid. But he made some good points in his speech in the House Saturday, although much of it was irrelevant to the subject under discussion.

But he struck a rock bottom truth when he charged that the effect of the currency bill before the House would be to establish a bank trust, which would have absolute monopoly of the paper currency of the country, and which it could con tract or expand at pleasure, regardless of the demands of business or of the necessities of the people. The silver certificates will not be increased, the Treasury notes will be withdrawn as rapidly as it can be done, and the country will be left entirely dependent upon national bank notes for its paper money.

The amount of notes the banks may issue is left to their judgment, the only requirement of them being that they must keep within the limit of the bonds deposited. They are governed as to the maximum issue but are left free as to the minimum, and being free as to this they will naturally consult their own interests and issue only such volume of notes as may be profitable to them. The tendency will, of course, be to keep the volume down to keep interest up, and there will be expansion of volume only when there may be an extraordinary and pressing demand for more currency. This is no reflection on the bankers. They are operating banks as a business, for the profit there is in it, and it would not be reasonable to expect that they would not take advantage of the privileges the law gives them.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Winston Sentinel: Salem's new enterprise—knitting mill—began operations Thursday. Mr. H. C. Lemly, the proprietor, is well pleased with the way his machinery is workng and the goods being turned out. He has all the orders he can fill for everal months.

- Nashville Graphic: While carrying some coals of fire into the field the little six-year-old daughter of Mr. Prentice Drake was so badl burned that it died Sunday. The little one dropped the fire into the weeds which at once became ignited setting fire to the clothing of the child with the above stated result.

- Kinston Free Press: A slicktongued man was here recently and took a few orders for job printing from some of our people, collecting part payment in advance. The man jumped his board bill and it transpires that those who gave him orders and cash are out the amount parted with

Greensboro Record: Bob Bennett, one the most estimable citizens of Rockingham, who lived about 10 miles South of Madison, was ascidenlally shot Thursday by one Logneeker, of Allenton, Pa., while out bird hunt ng. It seems that Bennett was walk ing just in front of Logneeker when the latter's gnn, which was a hammer gun was discharged by a limb catching gainst the hammer, the whole load entering Bennett's body just below the hip, shattering the bone and making what is thought at this time to be

- Charlotte Observer: Another noted convict has escaped from the penitentiary here. His name is Vright, and he belonged to a notorious pand of safe blowers and postoffie rob bers that were bagged in the Southern States about two years ago. All of the gang, some dozen or fifteen in number, were sent to the penitentiary, and all of them, with one exception, have es-Wright made his escape Thursday night. Exactly how he got out is not known. He was in the hospital, however, and it is supposed he weat in the way he tried to go before -by hiding under the shirt factory

and scaling the wall during the night. - Raleigh News and Observer: The faculty of the Normal and Indus trial College at Greensboro announced Saturday that the college will not open on January 2nd, as first stated as the repairs will not be ready in time. — Mr. Dudley Parks, near Spring Hill, Halifax county, lost his barn and stables by fire some days ago. He thought it was the work o an incendiary. A horse was burned in the stables. — The Secretary of State Saturday did a rushing business in the matter of incorporating new manufacturing concerns, Four new companies were incorporated, with capital stocks aggregating wards of \$200,000. Of three are in Greensboro, and repre sent a total capital stock of \$134 000 -Some specimens of the San Jose Scale were received yesterday at the Agricultural Department from Mr. J Council, at Wananish, Columbus county. The scale was taken from young trees bought from a nursery in this State and set out last March. The stock of this nursery has since been condemned and its license taken away. Mr. Council writes that three or four of his trees are already dead and others are badly infected. He has been advised by the crop pest commission authorities here to destroy all the trees, as in no other way can the scale be de stroyed, such a hold has it got on the

There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvellous power of Electric Bitters to cure Stomach and Liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure all Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Price 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Electric Belt on Trial.

To introduce it and obtain agents, the undersigned firm will send a few of their Electric Belts on trial on the following terms: \$1.00 to be paid in ten days if the Belt proves beneficial, and the balance, \$2.00, to be paid in sixty days if the Belt effects a cure. These Belts are a positive cure for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Kidney trou-ble, Stomach and Liver trouble, Asthma, etc. Address at once GERMAN ELECTRIC AGENCY,

† P.O. Box 1874, New York, N. Y.

CURRENT COMMENT.

- Several of the British officers n Natal are having plucked from their brows the laurels that they won in other African wars. The trouble is that they are fighting white men now, whereas they were fighting black or brown before.-Savannah News, Dem.

-- And now we are to hang or shoot the guerillas we capture in Luzon, "for the sake of the deterrent effect such action will have. How exactly we are following the footsteps of Spain in our treatment of the possibly unwise, but undoubtedly patriotic, Filipinos. — Richmond Dispatch, Dem.

-- Another effort is to be made in Congress requiring publication of the pension roll. Every really deserving pensioner should indorse the measure, for publicity would do more than anything to make the pension roll what it should be, a roll of honor, by exposing unworthy pensioners, whose presence on the ists tends to discredit the whole body .- New York Herald, Ind.

- Four pence per day will be leducted from each private in the British army now afield who has a wife, and one penny a day in addition will be taken for every child of such married soldiers in order to provide for the support of those whom that "absent-minded beggar." Tommy Atkins, has left at home. This is a measure never resorted to by the War Office unless the absence of the troops from their cantonments is expected to be prolonged. The easy confidence with which the British authorities entered upon the Boer war, as exemplified by the boast attributed to General Buller that he would eat his Christmas dinner in Pretoria, has evidently given way to a feeling that the pending struggle will be one of the nardest in which the British army has ever been engaged. - Philadelphia Record, Dem.

TWINKLINGS.

- Percy-"That girl made a fool of me years ago." Louie-"Pity; you never got over it."-Ally Sloper. - A monopoly is a good deal like

baby. A man is opposed to it on general principles until he has one of is own. - Tit Bits. - Fortune Teller-" And I see lark man who will give you trouble.'

The Widow (to herself)—"The coal man! Why didn't I pay his bill?" - Awful Silence--Perkins--"How very quiet it is here, Miss'Arrington! The Lady - "Yes, dreadfully; one might almost hear an 'h' drop!"- Tit-

"Mamma, I saw a dog to-day had only three legs." "Weren't that had only three legs." you awfully sorry for him?" "No; he had one more leg than I have."-Tit Bits. - "How does it happen, doctor,

that we never see you with your old flame, the banker's daughter, any nore?" "Because she is married.
"Married! To whom?" "To me." more?" - He-"Yes, she's very rich, they

ell me. Most uninteresting girl though, I consider. She can say nothing but 'Yes?' and 'No!'" She-"Indeed! And which did she say to you? —Ally Slopy. - Neighborly Ties: "The telephone is a great social factor."
That's so. We wouldn't have called

on those people next door at all if we hadn't wanted to use their telephone. - Chicago Record. - Fayetteville Observer: A young negro girl about 15 years of age, nurse for for Mrs. S. C. West, the Southern agent at Walnut Cove, fell in a well at

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Bennettsville yesterday and broke her

neck. Mrs. West was visiting in Ben-

nettsville at the time.

Capt. Arthur Barnes, of North Carolina, Assistant Doorkeeper of the Senate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. Washington, December 16.-Capt. arthur Barnes, of North Carolina, was ound dead in his bed in this city at 8.30 o'clock this morning. He seemed in his usual health yesterday and his death is believed to have been due to heart disease. Capt. Barnes had been an assistant

loorkeeper for the Senate for ten years. He was a Democrat and had attended every Democratic national convention since 1880. He was a captain in the Confederate service during the civil war. He was about 65 years old.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Methodist Conference of Missis sippi passed a resolution appealing to he House of Representatives not to seat Congressman Roberts of Utah. Ex-Mayor Patrick J. Gleason, of Long Island City, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, in which he gives his

liabilities at \$326,894; assets \$8,938. The Cedar Grove property, opposite the Norfolk Navy yard, will be sold to the government for \$132,500, this amount having been decided upon by

Secretary Long. The nine year old son of Mr. Joe Robinson, of Eatonton, Ga., was badly torn by a mad dog Friday. With his father he left for the Pasteur institute

at Baltimore yesterday. Four new manufacturing concern s were incorporated in Raleigh, N. C. vesterday with capital stocks aggregating upwards of \$200,000. Of these, three are in Greensboro and represen a total capital stock of \$134,000.

A Night of Terror.

'Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of M chias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning,' writes Mrs. W. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from pneumonia. But she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and \$100. Trial bottles 10c at B. R. BELLAMY'S, drug store.

For over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for " Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take

A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Tragedy in Surry County, North Careline - Sol Simpson Killed by Sarah Wallace.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 16.—There is

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

now being investigated at Dobson, the county seat of Swary county, North Carolina one of the most mysterious murders ever committed in North Carolina. About the middle of November a Mrs. Sarah Wallace came to Dobson and reported that she had on the night previous shot and killed Sol Simpson. Simp son is a man who had served a term in the penitentiary for stealing whiskey and was considered a general nuisance. Many hoped her report was true, but no one cared to investigate, and not being able to make her story believed, she returned home and found, as she claims, that while she was away to surrender to the authorities, some one came with a wagon and removed the dead body that she had eft lying in front of her door. The body had been secreted and so no trace of it has been found, though diligent search has now been made. Some four days ago the father of the murdered man, not hearing anything from nis missing son and having heard these reports, had warrants sworn out, with the result that Mrs. Wallace is now in jail and the search for the missing corpse goes on. It seems now that she implicates a man of some standing, and if the body is ever found Surry county will have a highly sensational and complicated murder

Her story is now that this man was with her and that they knew Sol. Simpson was coming. As she had no way to defend herself the man gave her his pistol and then retired. Simpson knocked for admittance and Mrs. Wallace informed him that she did not care for his company. He declared he would come in any way and after two heavy assaults on the door with a huge rock, the door fell in and Simpson started to enter. As he reached the threshold she fired the pistol and he fell. After a few moments she went to him and found that his body was growing cold. She made further examination and a bullet hole was found in his breast, which caused immediate death. Then as she claims, she came to Dobson to surrender and while there the body was removed and secreted away and thus the case stands at this writing.

J. T. Couch, of Durham, N. C. ather and administrator of Linwood Couch, has instituted suit for \$30,000 against the North Carolina Railroad Company. Linwood Couch, who was in the employ of the railroad company, was a brakeman, and while changing car whose drawhead had pulled out, was crushed to death.

A CLEAR RIGHT OF WAY. There Was Nothing to Interfere I

He Chose.

of West Virginia to look after the coal interests of an eastern company, I boarded at a little tavern in the county town presided over by a good looking woman of 40 who, as I had understood, was a widow. She was keener witted and more entertaining than the average mountain woman and I rather enjoyed talking to her. One evening, after I had been her guest about three weeks, found myself alone with her on the porch of the house, and we chatted along very pleasantly about men and women and ife generally. "Ain't you married?" she asked in re-

up to such a question. "Oh, no," I laughed. "I'm an unhappy old bachelor."

won't do their share? chance," she contended. "My husband!" she almost shouted. hain't got no husband, nor never did

"Why-why," 1 stammered, "I under stood you were a widow." "Well, I ain't." "Do you mean to tell me that as good ooking a woman as you are is an old

maid yet?" She besitated a moment before answer oice softened, "but I hain't no objec-

and still remained a "star boarder," but did, and I didn't sit out on that porch in the evening any more, either .- Washington Star. They Suffer In Silence. One of the most pathetic things is the

manner in which the animal kingdom endures suffering. Take horses, for instance, in battle. After the first shock of a wound they make no sound. bear the pain with a mute, wonderfu endurance, and if at night you hear a wild groan from the battlefield it comes from their loneliness, their loss of that human companionship which seems absolutely indispensable to the comfort of domesticated animals. The dog will carry a broken leg fo

The dove shot to death flies to som leaves of its own lifeblood. The wound ed deer speeds to some thick brake and in pitiful submission waits for death last against the fatal summons. There s no moan or sound of pain, and the deflant look never fades from its eyes until the lids close over them never to uncover again .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

WE HAVE EVERYTHING

CHRISTMAS. REMEMBER US SAS WE SHALL REMEMBER THE POOR. PALACE BAKERY.

Real Estate Agent, Wilmington, N.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Vesterday.

W. & W. Railroad-472 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 53 barrels tar, 1 barrels crude turpentine. W. C. & A. Railroad-119 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 6 barrels rosin, 150 barrels tar, 50 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—77 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 103 barrels tar. W. & N. Railroad-154 bales cot-

ton, 10 cask spirits turpentine, 8 barrels rosin. C. C. Railroad-58 bales cotton. Steamer Driver-6 casks spirits turpentine, 123 barrels rosin, 251 barrels

Schooner J. D. Pigott-5 bales coton. 7 casks spirits turpentine, 80 bar-Schooner Victor C-13 bales cotton

5 barrels rosin. Total-Cotton, 898 bales; spirits surpentine, 54 casks; rosin, 243 barrels; tar, 557 barrels; crude turpentice, 51 barrels.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

The following quotations represent wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged. BAGGING— 2 D Jute..... Standard..... Burlads VESTERN SMOKED -

BUTTER-North Carolina 18 20...... Northern..... Per bushel, in sacks
Virginia Meal...
OOTTON TIES—W bundle.... OHEESE B DNorthern Factory,
Dairy Cream.
State.
OOFFEE B D-ring, \$ keg.. 3 00 Extra..... LOUR-W D-First Patent
GLUE—9 b
GRAIN—9 bushel—
Corn.from store, bgs—White
Car-load, in bgs—White...
Oats, from store

Cow Peas... Dry salt ..

Western
North River.
HOOP IRON, % b.....

Prime mill
Extra mill
OLASSES \$ gallon—
Barbadoes, in hegshead.
Barbadoes, in barrels.
Porto Bico, in hogsheads.
Porto Bico, in barrels.
Sugar House, in hogsheads.
Sugar House, in barrels.
Synn in barrels.

On 125 W Sacks.... SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M.....

Cypress Saps.... SUGAR, W D-Standard Gran'd

R. O. Hogshead... TIMBER, WM feet—Shipping

Mill, Fair.
Common Mill
Inferior to ordinary.
BHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed

6x24 Heart....

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr Driver, Bradshaw, Fayette-

Schooner Abbie G Cole, 232 tons.

Cole, New York, George Harriss, Son

Schooner B I Hazard, 373 tons,

Blatchford, New York, George Har-

CLEARED.

Stmr Driver, Bradshaw, Fayette-

Stmr E A Hawes, Smith, Mill Creek.

Stmr Seabright, Sanders, Calabash

and Little River, S C, Stone, Rourk

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE

NEW YORK-Clyde steamship Rich-

mond, 237 bbls spirits, 578 bbls tar,

139 bbls crude, 182,576 feet lumber, 10

bbls pitch, 51 cases cotton goods, 135

pkgs mdse, 60 bales warps; vessel by

FOREIGN.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the |Port of Wil-

mington, N. C., Dec. 19, 1899.

STEAMSHIPS.

Laurelwood (Br), 1,595 tons, Mauer, J

Aquila (Nor), 1,407 tons, Andersen,

Astrea (Br), 2,110 tons, Barry, Bracken-

burg, Alexander Sprunt & Son. Haslingden (Br), 1,220 tons, Higgins,

SCHOONERS.

B I Hazard, 373 tons, Blatchford,

George Harriss, Son & Co. Abbie G Cole, 232 tons, Cole, George

Alma, 152 tons, Small, George Harriss,

Charlotte W Miller, 248 tons, Higbee,

Caroline Gray, 311 tons, Meader, George Harriss, Son & Co. M C Haskell, 277 tons, Wingfield, George Harriss, Son & Co.

George Harriss, Son & Co. BRIGS.

E Peschau & Co.

Harriss, Son & Co.

Son & Co.

Nor barque Johannee 473

Thorsen, London, Heide & Co.

Standard A.... White Extra C.. Extra C. Golden

Mill, Fair.....

rille, T D Love.

riss, Son & Co.

ville, T D Loye.

H G Smallbones.

Tames Madden

& Co.

City Mess..... 10 00

When I first came into the mountains

sponse to something I had said leading

"Well, you oughter be ashamed uv yerself," she said with spirit. "I am," I assented. "But how is a man to be otherwise when the women "But they will ef they ever git the "It's easy enough for you to say that." said, "because you felt that way to ward your husband when he asked you."

tions to bein a married woman." Goodness knows how I got out of it

ays wistfully, but uncomplainingly. The cat, stricken with stick or stone or caught in some trap from which i gnaws its way to freedom, crawls in some secret place and bears in silence pain which we could not endure. Sheep and cattle often meet the thrust of the butcher's knife without a sound, and even common poultry endure intense agony without complaint. faroff bough, and as it dies the silence is unbroken save by the patter on the

The eagle, shot in midair, fights to the *****

London-Nor barque Johanne-4,686 bbls rosin, valued at \$5,780.62; cargo by Paterson, Downing & Co, vessel by Heide & Co. NICE AND FRESH

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 18. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market firm at 48½ cents per gallon for machine made casks and 48 cents er gallon for country casks. ROSIN-Market firm at per barrel for strained and \$1.15 for good strained. TAR-Market quiet at \$1.25 per

bbl of 280 lbs.
CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at \$1.60 per barrel for hard, 2.80 for dip and — for virgin. Quotations same day last year. Spirits turpentine firm at 40@391/2c; rosin, nothing doing; tar firm at \$1.10; crude turpentine firm at \$1.30@

2.30, \$2.30. Spirits turpentine..... Tar..... Crude turpentine. 51
Receipts same day last year.—27
casks spirits turpentine, 1,090 bbls
rosin, 716 bbls tar, 71 bbls crude tur Market steady on a basis of 7% c per

ound for middling. Quotations: Receipts—898 bales; same day last year, 1,705.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS - North Carolina Prime 85c. Extra prime, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, \$1.05c. Virginia-Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. CORN-Firm: 52 to 521/2 cents per bushel for white, ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide

water) 90c@\$1.10; upland, 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel. N. C. BACON-Steady: h 11c per pound; shoulders, 7 to 8c; sides, 7 to 8c.
SHINGLES—Per thousand, fiveinch hearts and saps, \$2.25 to 3.25; six-inch. \$4.00 to 5.00; seven-inch,

.00 per M

TIMBER-Market steady at \$3.50 to

FINANCIAL MARKETS. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, December 18.-Money on call to-day was stringent, ranging from 6 to 125 per cent., last loan at 40, closing, bid and asked, at 30@ 40 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5%@6 per cent. Sterling exchange was slightly easier; actual business in bankers' bills 487% for demand and 481% for sixty days. Posted rates were 482% and 488%. Commercial bills 480% 481. Silver certifi cates 59@591/2. Bar silver 59%. Mexican dollars 47%. Government bonds weak. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds weak. U.S. 2's, reg'd, 102; U. S.3's, reg'd,109 14; do.coupon, 109 14; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 133 1/4; do. coupon, 133 1/4; U.S. old 4's, reg'd, 113 1/4; do. coupon, 114%; U. S. 5's, registered, 112%; do. coupon, 112%; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, 104; Southern Railway 5's 1041/2. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 481/4 Chesapeake & Ohio 26%; Manhattan 91; New York Central 121; Read ing 15; do. 1st preferred 491/4; St. Paul 115; do. preferred off'd 165; Southern Railway 10 1; do. preferred 50 1; American Tobacco, 82; do. preferred 130 People's Gas 93; Sugar 124%; do. preferred 112; T. C. & Iron 70; U. S. Leather 111; do. preferred 65; Western Union 85 1.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star NEW YORK, December 18.—Rosin steady; strained common to good \$1 45. Spirits turpentine steady at 52

@52 1/2 c.

CHARLESTON, December 18.—Spirits turpentine firm at 48c; sales — casks; no receipts. Rosin firm; sales - barrels. Prices unchanged. SAVANNAH, December 18. - Spirits turpentine was firm at 48 %c; sales 621

casks; receipts 1,176 casks; exports

165 casks. Rosin firm; sales 1:367

barrels; receipts 5,442 barrels; exports 9,230 barrels. Prices unchanged. COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- It was a red etter day for the bears on the Cotton

Exchange and one of reckoning for the bulls who have practically had full sway for several months. Traders, in view of developments in South Africa, expected some decline in Liver pool, and conceded a crop of several points here. Quite in accordance with these ideas, prices went off four to six points without excitement at the start, in sympathy with a two point loss in the English market. But no sooner had the opening passed than orders came from all quarters to sell cotton, not small lots, but great blocks which had been held for weeks by presumably strong dealers, on the theory that eight cent cotton would be recorded before the new year opened. Close upon the elling orders came report of financial difficulties in Wall street. The failure of the Produce Exchange Trust Company and of Henry Allen & Co. were telling blows against the bulls. A heavy slump in New Orleans, a rapid fall in Liverpool and a rise in money to a rate equal to 186 per cent, caused prices to tumble at a terrific rate. All the regulation news was discarded. The one aim of all seemed to be to get rid of enormous amounts of cotton accumulated on the late protracted rise. As compared with Saturday's close of 7.05, Janu uary fell perpendicularly to 6.90, March dropped from 7.38 to 7c, while May went off thirty five points to 7.09. Houses having extensive interests in stocks and securities were the heaviest sellers, presumably for the purpose of better protecting interests on the Stock Exchange. The South and the West were also large sellers. Late in the day there was

six points net lower. The far or her crop months were but nine to lea points lower. Trading was by farthe heaviest in several years. NEW YORK. December 18.-Com quiet; middling uplands 7%c. Futures closed steady: Dec n ber 6.97, January 7.01, February 7.66 March 7.12, April 7.15, May 7.19, Jun. 7.20, July 7.20, August 7.15, September 6.87, October 6.85, November 6.80 Spot cotton closed quiet and 316 lower; middling uplands 7%c; in dling gulf 7 1/c; sales 553 bales.

Net receipts 36 bales: gross receipts 152 bales; exports to the Continent a bales; stock 110,979 bales. Total to-day-Net receipts 4160 bales; exports to Great Britain 12.018 exports to the Continent 18,794 below stock 1,092,471 bales. Consolidated—Net receipts 73,46 bales; exports to Great Britain 41312

bales; exports to France 7,295 bales exports to the Continent 19,845 bales Total since September 1st. -Net . ceipts 3,567,308 bales; exports to Gra Britain 926,599 bales; exports to Frame 405,887 bales; exports to the Continu 980.456 bales. December 18.—Galveston, quiet a 7 5-16c, net receipts 12,115 bales. Me folk, dull at 7 5-16 , net receipts 2/7 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7% no receipts; Boston, quiet and steady

7 11-16c, net receipts 748 bales, W mington, steady at 71/4, net receipts 88 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 740 p. ceipts 118 bales; Savannah, quiet sud easy at 71/2, net receipts 6,727 bales New Orleans, irregular at 73-16, net receipts 8,819 bales; Mobile, weak at 71 16c in receipts 2,366 bales; Memphis, or and steady at 736c, net receipts ; bales: Augusta, steady at 7316c. receipts 976 bales; Charleston, dul 7%c, net receipts 974 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET. By Telegraph to the Morning star

NEW YORK, December 18.-Fig.

vas firmer and held higher with

wheat, buyers showing a readings in

meet asking rates. Close was firm Wheat-Spot, No. 2 red 76c; option opened strong at 56c advance, enced by higher cables, active coving and bullish foreign statistics, Afa midday reaction under disappoint ing visible supply figures, the mail experienced a second sharp uptur stimulated by a decided fall in cons and further alarms among short Closed strong at 136@136 net advatu March closed 76 1/4 c; May closed 76 1/4 July closed 761/2; December close 76%c. Corn-Spot firm; No. 2 40%. options opened 1/4c higher on Decem ber, through a squeeze of shorts, at later had a general advance on high cables, large clearances and the jum, in wheat. Closed firm at unchange prices to &c advance; My clo-39%c. Oats-Spot firm; No 2 294 No. 3, 281/c; options quiet but firmer Lard weak; Western steam \$5.65 5 70; refined weak; continent \$5 % Butter steady; Western creament 23@27c; State dairy 18@25c. Cheer steady; fall Maryland fancy small 12 % @13c; do. large fancy 12% 12%. Petroleum firm. Rice firm Tallow firm; city 5c; country 4x6k Cabbage steady; Long Island \$4 000 6 25 per 100. Freights to Liverpool -Cotton by steam 26 %d. Potato steady; New Jersey \$1 25@1 50 New York \$1 25@1 75; Long Islan \$1 50@2 00; Southern sweet, \$1 756 2 25; Jersey sweets \$2 25@2 7 Coffee-Spot quiet; No. 7 involve 6%c; No. 7 jobbing 7%c; mild quel; Cordova 8@121/c Sugar-Raw steady; fair refining 3 13 16c; centrifugal M test 4 % c; molasses sugar 3 9-16c; n

fined quiet. CHICAGO, December 18 - Indication that the war in South Africa h reached proportions sufficient to selvate a marked improvement in it foreign demand, caused a sharp at vance in wheat to day. May close 13/c over Saturday. Other grain were influenced by wheat May corn closing &c and May oats tok higher. Profit-taking depressed in provision market, May pork closist 74c, May lard 5c, May ribs 71/c lower. CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Cash quotations Flour steady. Wheat—No.2 spring-No. 3 spring 65@67c; No 2 red 684 691/c. Corn-No. 2, 311/4@311/4 -No. 2 23@2314c; No. 2 white 254 @26c; No. 3 white 23@23%
Pork, per barrel, \$8 60@10 13
Lard, per 100 lbs, \$5 10@5 33
Short rib sides, loose, \$5 15@5 13

Short clear sides, boxed, \$5 504 60. Whiskey-Distillers' fight: goods, per gallon, \$1 231/2. The leading futures ranged as in lows—opening, highest, lowest sticlosing: Wheat—No. 2 December 67%, 67%, 66%, 67%c; May 69%67 711, 69%, 711/sc; January 70%@701 @2436. Pork, per bbl January \$1014. 10 25, 10 00, 10 2216: May \$10 37%,104 10 0214, 10 3214. Lard. per 100 by January \$5 50, 5 50, 5 35, 5 37%; 10 \$5 56, 5 70, 5 57 1/2, 5 60. Short I per 100 hs—January \$5 37%. 5 40,54 5 27%, 5 30; May \$5 50, 5 50, 5 40,54 BALTIMORE, December 18.-Flor dull and unchanged. Wheatstead

Dry salted shoulders, \$5 37 1/65 3

spot and month 71 % @71 4c; Januar 72 @72 4c; May 75 @75 4c; Souther wheat by sample 66 @72c. Corn from the control of the con -Spot and month 37 1/ @371/6 cember, new or old, 3714@37%c; ary 371/2@38c; February 371/2057 March 35 %c bid; Southern white 384 @ 38c. Oats dull-No. 2 mixed 384

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star LIVERPOOL, December 18, 4 P. 1 Cotton-Spot dull; prices 1 32d lower American middling fair, 45d; po middling 4 7-16d; middling 411 middling 4 11 middling 4 5 32d; good ordinar; 31-32d; ordinary 3 25 32d. The said of the day and a said of the said of the day and a said of the of the day were 8,000 bales, of 500 were for speculation and exp and included 7,400 American. ceipts 9,500 bales, all American. Futures opened easy and close weak at the decline. American dling (l. m. c.)-December 4 seller; December and January seller; January and February

buyer; February and March 3-64d seller; March and April 4 169 buyer; April and May 3 63 646 buyer; May and June 3 63 646 something of a reaction on profit-taking by shorts and quite new buy-ing for parties believing the market entitled to a decided uplift. The close was fairly steady, with the present crop positions twenty-three to twenty-